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105TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION
DENVER, COLORADO
AUGUST 14 - 17, 1996

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE #1

May 20, 1996

NB: All events in meeting rooms designated with a C will take place at the Colorado Convention Center including Hall C.

All tour buses depart from Hall B entrance of the Colorado Convention Center.

Thursday August 8 , 1996

03:00 p.m.	Auction Lot Viewing Opens	Marriott Tech Center
08:00 p.m.	Auction Lot Viewing Closes	

Friday August 9 , 1996

09:00 a.m.	Auction Lot Viewing Opens	Marriott Tech Center
07:00 p.m.	Auction Lot Viewing Closes	
	Heritage Bullet Auction	Marriott Tech Center

Saturday August 10, 1996

08:30 a.m.	ANA U.S. Coin Grading Seminar	210 A & B, Hyatt Conference Center
09:00 a.m.	Auction Lot Viewing Opens	Marriott Tech Center
07:00 p.m.	Auction Lot Viewing Closes	

Sunday August 11, 1996

08:30 a.m.	ANA U.S. Coin Grading Seminar	210 A & B Hyatt Conference Center
09:00 a.m.	Auction Lot Viewing Opens	Marriott Tech Center
05:00 p.m.	Auction Lot Viewing Closes	

Monday August 12, 1996

08:30 a.m.	ANA U.S. Coin Grading Seminar	210 A & B, Hyatt Conference Center
09:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Marriott/Gold Coin Room
	Open Session	

	Auction Lot Viewing opens	Hall C
03:00 p.m.	Security Room opens	Hall C
	Photo I.D. opens	Hall C
	PNG Board Meeting	Hyatt/Board Room
07:00 p.m.	PNG Dealers May Setup	Hall C
09:00 p.m.	Photo I.D. closes	
	PNG Dealer Setup closes	
	Auction Lot Viewing closes	

Tuesday August 13, 1996

08:00 a.m.	Bourse opens to PNG dealers with tables	Hall C
	Auction Lot Viewing opens	Hall C
08:30 a.m.	PNG Registration Opens	Hall C
09:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	Marriott/Gold Coin Room
	Open Session	
	Photo I.D. opens	Hall C
	Bourse open to PNG invited guests only	Hall C
10:00 a.m.	Exhibitors may place exhibits	Hall C
11:00 a.m.	Pre-Registration and Registration open	Hall C
02:30 p.m.	PNG Registration closes	
	Admission to bourse & exhibit area closes	
03:00 p.m.	Bourse and exhibit areas must be vacated	
04:00 p.m.	Pre-Registration and Registration close	
05:00 p.m.	ANA Bullet Auction	C 108, 110, 112
	ANA dealers may set up	Hall C
07:00 p.m.	Bourse closes	
	Photo I.D. closes	
	Auction Lot Viewing closes	
	PNG Reception	Hyatt/Grand Ballroom Foyer
08:00 p.m.	PNG Banquet	Hyatt/Grand Ballroom

Wednesday August 14, 1996

06:30 a.m.	New York International Numismatic Convention Board Meeting	C 202
07:30 a.m.	Photo I.D. opens	Hall C

08:00 a.m.	Token and Medal Society (TAMS) Board Meeting	C 206
	Auction Lot Viewing opens	Hall C
	Exhibitors may place exhibits	Hall C
	Bourse opens to dealers with tables	Hall C
08:30 a.m.	ANA Mediation Executive Session	C 209
09:00 a.m.	ANA Page Orientation	C 102
09:30 a.m.	Pre-Registration & Registration open	Hall C
	John Reich Collectors Society General Meeting	C 207
	Bullet Auction Pickup opens	Hall C
	ANA Business Meeting # 1	C 209
10:00 a.m.	ANA YN Orientation	C 102
10:30 a.m.	ANA Judges Familiarization & Certification Program	C 109
11:00 a.m.	All exhibits must be in place	Hall C
	Collector Open House Opens	C 101
11:30 a.m.	ANA OFFICIAL CONVENTION OPENING CEREMONIES	Entrance to Hall C
12:00 p.m.	Bourse and exhibit areas open to the public	Hall C
	Ribbon Cutting	Entrance to Hall C
12:30 p.m.	Auction Lot Pickup Closes	
03:00 p.m.	Collector Open House Closes	
04:00 p.m.	ANA Exhibit Judges Meeting	C 207
05:00 p.m.	Civil War Token Society General Meeting	C 109
07:00 p.m.	Admission to bourse and exhibits closes	
	World Series of Numismatics Preliminary Round	C 105 & C 107
	Photo I.D. closes	
	Pre-Registration and Registration close	
	Auction Lot Viewing closes	
07:30 p.m.	ANA Signature Auction Session #1	C 108, 110, 112
	Bourse and exhibit areas must be vacated	

Thursday August 15, 1996

08:00 a.m.	ANA Convention Task Force Committee Meeting	C 202
	Auction Lot Viewing opens	Hall C
08:30 a.m.	ANA/PNG Board Meeting	C 209
	Open to the Public	
	Numismatic Ambassador's Breakfast	C 201
09:00 a.m.	Bust Half Nut Club Board Meeting	C 206
	Bourse opens to dealers with tables	Hall C
	Photo I.D. opens	Hall C
	Liberty Seated Collectors Club General Meeting	C 204
09:30 a.m.	Auction Lot Pickup opens	Hall C
	Pre-Registration and Registration open	Hall C
10:00 a.m.	ANA YN Educational Forum	C 102
	ANA Finance Committee Meeting	C 202
	Numismatic Literary Guild (NLG) Symposium	C 103
	Bourse and exhibits open to the public	Hall C
11:00 a.m.	Collector Open House Opens	C 101
12:30 p.m.	Auction Lot Pickup Closes	
01:00 p.m.	Token and Medal Society (TAMS) General Meeting	C 207
02:00 p.m.	International Primitive Money Society General Meeting	C 103
	CONECA Educational Program	C 204
03:00 p.m.	Collector Open House Closes	
	ANA Editorial Advisory Board Meeting	C 202
05:00 p.m.	Photo I.D. closes	
07:00 p.m.	World Series of Numismatics Preliminary Round (concluded)	C 105 & C 107
	Admission to bourse & exhibits closes	
	Auction Lot Viewing closes	
	Pre-Registration and Registration close	
	TAMS Banquet	C 104
07:30 p.m.	Bourse and exhibit areas must be vacated	
	Signature Auction Session #2	C 108, 110, 112
09:30 p.m.	NLG Bash	Marriott/

Friday August 16, 1996

08:00 a.m.	PNG General Meeting	C 207
	National Silver Dollar Roundtable Breakfast	C 104
	ANA District Delegate/RC Breakfast Meeting & Presentation of Outstanding Regional Coordinator and District Delegate Awards	C 201
	Auction Lot Viewing opens	Hall C
	The Elongated Collectors Board Meeting	C 103
08:30 a.m.	ANA Advisory Council Breakfast	Marriott/Allie's American Grille
	Exhibitors may pick up rating sheets from Exhibit Chairman	Hall C
09:00 a.m.	The Elongated Collectors (TEC) Membership meeting	C 103
	Young Numismatists of America Educational Forum	C 102
	Early American Coppers General Meeting & Educational Forum	C 205
	Latin American Paper Money Society General Meeting	C 206
	CONECA Fellowship Meeting	C 204
	Bourse opens to dealers with tables	Hall C
	Photo I.D. opens	Hall C
	Future of the Hobby Committee Meeting	C 209
09:30 a.m.	Auction Lot Pickup opens	Hall C
	Pre-Registration and Registration open	Hall C
10:00 a.m.	Bourse and exhibits open to the public	Hall C
	ANA Education Committee Meeting	C 109
	Society of Private and Pioneer Numismatics General Meeting	C 202
10:30 a.m.	Numismatic Bibliomania Society General Meeting	C 207
	Flying Eagle and Indian Cent Collectors General Meeting	C 204
11:00 a.m.	Collector Open House Opens	C 101
12:30 p.m.	Signature Auction Session #3	C 108, 110, 112
01:00 p.m.	Dedicated Wooden Money Collectors	

	General Meeting	C 103
	ANA Regional Coordinators Meeting	C 202
02:00 p.m.	Bust Half Nut Club General Meeting	C 204
03:00 p.m.	Society of Ration Token Collectors General Meeting Collector Open House Closes	C 102
04:00 p.m.	Love Token Society General Meeting	C 103
	ANA Exhibiting & Judging Seminar	C 109
05:00 p.m.	Auction Lot Pickup closes Photo I.D. closes	
06:00 p.m.	CONECA Reception	Hyatt/Parisienne
07:00 p.m.	Pre-Registration and Registration close World Series of Numismatics - Championships Auction Lot Viewing closes Admission to bourse and exhibits closes	C 105 & C 107
07:30 p.m.	Signature Auction Session #4 Bourse and exhibit areas must be vacated	C 108, 110, 112
08:00 p.m.	Colonial Coin Collectors Club Membership Meeting CONECA Banquet	C 103 Hyatt/Parisienne
07:30 p.m.	TAMS Symposium	C 105 & C 107
09:00 p.m.	Old Timers Assay Commissioners Society (OTACS) General Meeting	Marriott/
Saturday August 17, 1996		
07:30 a.m.	ANA Goodfellow Breakfast	C 202
08:00 a.m.	Society of Paper Money Collectors (SPMC) General Meeting International Bank Note Society (IBNS) Board Meeting Women in Numismatics (WIN) Membership Meeting Auction Lot Viewing opens	C 102 C 206 C 204 Hall C
08:30 a.m.	ANA Abe Kosoff-PNG YN Awards Breakfast & Auction	C 201
09:00 a.m.	CONECA Membership Meeting Society for U.S. Commemorative Coins General Meeting	C 103 C 210

	International Bank Note Society (IBNS) General Meeting	C 205
	International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors Board	C 207
	Bourse opens to dealers with tables	Hall C
	Photo I.D. opens	Hall C
	ANA Business Meeting #2	C 209
	Casino Chips & Gaming Token Collectors Club General Meeting	C 103
09:30 a.m.	International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors General Meeting	C 207
	Barber Coin Collectors Society General Meeting	C 210
	Auction Lot Pickup opens	Hall C
	Auction Lot Viewing closes	
	Pre-Registration and Registration open	Hall C
10:00 a.m.	Bourse and exhibits open to the public	Hall C
	ANA Girl Scout Badge Clinic	C 204
	Signature Auction Session #5	C 108, 110, 112
11:00 a.m.	ANA Club Representative Meeting and Presentation of Outstanding Club Representative and Club Publication Awards	C 209
	Collector Open House Opens	C 101
	Numismatics International General Meeting & Educ. Forum	C 103
12:00 p.m.	Original Hobo Nickel Society Auction Members Only	C 205
01:00 p.m.	Photo I.D. closes	
	ANA Awards Presentation	C 209
	ANA Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic	C 207
	Society of Silver Dollar Collectors General Meeting	C 204
	American Society of Check Collectors roundtable	C 210
02:00 p.m.	Souvenir Card Collectors Society General Meeting	C 103
	National Silver Dollar Roundtable Silver Dollar Seminar	C 102
03:00 p.m.	Collector Open House Closes	

ANA Judges Familiarization &
Certification Program C 109
(score sheets returned & results announced)

04:00 p.m. Auction Lot Pickup closes

05:00 p.m. Exhibitors may remove exhibits

05:30 p.m. Pre-Registration and Registration close

06:00 p.m. Admission to bourse and exhibits closes

07:00 p.m. All exhibits must be removed

Bourse and exhibit areas must be vacated

ANA Reception Marriott/

07:30 p.m. ANA Banquet Entertainment featuring
"The Last Pioneer" by Don Kagin Marriott/

08:00 p.m. ANA Banquet Marriott/

Monday August 19, 1996

10:00 a.m. Security Room closes

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Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and
Everybody was sure that **Somebody** would do it.
Anybody could have done it, but **Nobody** did it.
Somebody got angry about that, because it was
Everybody's job.

Everybody thought **Anybody** could do it,
but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.
It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody**
when actually **Nobody** asked **Anybody**.

wayne-

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at end say "are you willing to take
over the Secretary's job?"

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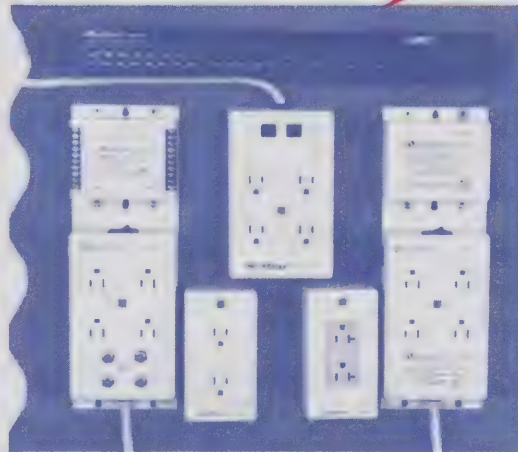
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Minutes of the March 5, 1996 meeting of
The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

The March 5th meeting of the WPNS was called to order at 8:15pm by President Krivoniak. Rodger Hershey served as Secretary Pro Tem. There were sixteen members and one guest present. Cory Costo was the guest of Larry Korchnak.

MINUTES

Wayne Homren read the minutes of the February meeting. The minutes were accepted..

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Harry Colborn gave his report. A closing balance of \$3,161.15 was reported.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We were sorry to learn from Dick Gaetano of the death of Neil Conner on Tuesday, February 27, 1996. An appropriate card and our condolences to his family will be made by Ed Krivoniak.

ALLEGHENY PROJECT

Skip Culleiton reported that costs for printing his book on the National Bank Notes of Allegheny County would be slightly higher than expected. It was agreed to permit expenses of \$803.00 for 100 copies (unit cost \$8.03).

The suggested retail will be \$19.95, with a pre-publication price of \$14.95 ending September 1, 1996. The price to WPNS members will be \$12.00. Dealer cost was set at \$12.00 for a minimum of 3 copies.

Skip Culleiton was awarded 10 copies to compensate him for his industry in preparing the work.

All of the above matters were moved, seconded, and passed in approved procedures.

PROGRAM

The evening's program on the "Circle of Friends" medals by Richard Crosby was exceptionally good. The medals, established in 1909, were presented in book-like holders, an unusual and attractive manner. Information on each medal was included in the holder.

EXHIBITS

The show-and-tell was brief and included a 20th Century type set of Chuck Erb's Ted Shiff displayed assorted large silver medals and a St. Gaudens medal.

NEXT MEETING

John Burns relayed word from Dr. Richardson that the Museum Annex would be unavailable for our April meeting due to building renovations.

The April 2, 1996 meeting will be held instead at our usual room in the Allegheny Building. The program for the evening will be presented by Brad and Ted Shiff. They will discuss and demonstrate their company's Internet Web site.

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Minutes of the February 6, 1996 meeting of
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The meeting was called to order at 8:10pm by Vice President Larry Korchnak. President Krivoniak had stepped out to run an errand. Wayne Homren served as Secretary Pro Tem. Sixteen members and two guests attended.

GUESTS Ed Krivoniak introduced his guest, Joe Yates
Larry Korchnak introduced his guest, Cory Costo.

MINUTES In the absence of last month's Secretary Pro Tem, Dick Gaetano, there was no reading of the January minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Harry Colborn gave his report. In summary, the previous balance is \$3208.02, the current balance is \$3152.34, of which \$750 is the Life Membership Fund, and the remaining \$2402.34 is the General Fund.

ALLEGHENY PROJECT

Skip Culleiton presented various cost estimates for printing and binding copies of the next volume in the Allegheny Project, his book on the National Bank Notes of Allegheny County. Wayne Homren made a motion, seconded by Tom Fort, that the Society authorize the expenditure of up to \$750 to print 100 copies. The motion was carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Eileen Kaminsky reported that member Neil Conner's medical condition is worsening. He has Lou Gehrig's disease. Neil has lost his speech and communicates by writing and typing on a computer. It was agreed to publish a notice in the next newsletter to encourage members to send him their wishes. Wayne will check with Mrs. Conner to see if it's OK to publish Neil's mailing address. Mike Homza offered to mail separate notices

immediately to members not in attendance.

In other correspondence, Wayne Homren read letters from the ANA concerning National Coin Week and the annual Young Numismatist's Auction.

OLD BUSINESS

Ed Krivoniak reminded the membership that the Society is still without a Secretary. After toying with the idea of nominating the absent Dick Gaetano, the topic was once again tabled. Wayne Homren volunteered to take the minutes and send the March newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Pittsburgh section

Ed Krivoniak displayed a draft copy of the ^Vnew edition of Don Kelly's book on National Bank Notes.

PROGRAM

Tom Fort presented a lively program on "*Cicero's Client - The Coinage of Manius Fontius*". The talk was inspired by a purchase from Ed Krivoniak at The Coin Exchange of a silver denarius of Manius Fontius, Mint of Rome, 85 BC. The coin was passed around for display. Tom also displayed a silver denarius of Lucius Marcius Censorinus, Mint of Rome, 82 BC.

EXHIBITS

Ed Krivoniak:	5 Roman coins
Skip Culleiton:	a group of Scottish communion tokens
Tom Fort:	Biography of Julius Caesar Book on Roman Republic moneyers bronze punic war piece
Larry Korchnak:	Boluba Cross (odd & curious money used to purchase a wife) 1791 5 Kopeck piece leather siege coin 1913 Schulman auction catalog of siege coins
Richard Crosby:	a 1907 Victor David Brenner medal a group of paperweights
Ted Shiff:	a printout of his latest Internet coin auction (http://www.nauticom.net/www/coins)

TO
WAYNE

W.F.M.C.

2/6/96

1. Jim Kronsinger
2. [unclear] K-S-H-2-11

Taken in medals

3. Chuck Erb

4. Bat Bugliaro

5. Larry Gubel

6. E. [unclear] Pat

7. Skip Cucklesin

8. Larry Colborn

9. Wayne K. Hammer

10. Ellen Kaminsky

11. John H. Burns

12. ~~Cory Costo~~ (Guest)

13. Larry Karchul

14. [unclear] Shiff

15. MIKE [unclear]

16. Richard Ericks

17. Ed Brownish

Silver Sycees, Assorted Sings, Baluba Cross
Mex Auction Lot

US Medals.

GUESTS

1. Joseph [unclear]

2. Cory Costo



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RE: NATIONAL COIN WEEK

April 21-27, 1996 is the 73rd annual National Coin Week. It is a time for collectors, clubs and dealers to educate the public about the coin collecting hobby. It's a time for numismatists to go into classrooms, speak before civic groups and set up exhibits at libraries, schools and banks. In short, it is a once a year opportunity for all of us to promote our hobby.

This year's National Coin Week theme is "*Money, History In Your Hands*" and the activity is "*Coin Collecting: The World's Largest Treasure Hunt*." We are hoping to repeat the success we had in 1995 when collectors all across the nation dropped low value, but rarely seen coins into circulation.

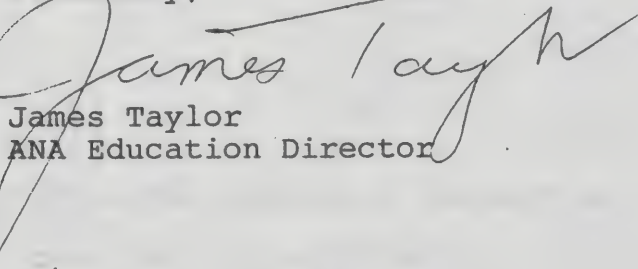
ANA is offering two full scholarships to any future Summer Conference in Colorado Springs to the coin club and the collector who submits the best story of how they dropped some rarely seen coins into circulation.

Last year there were reports of people making purchases at crowded check-out counters with uncut sheets of dollar bills. Another person tried to buy postage stamps with fractional currency. (The postal clerk refused to accept them, but everyone in line jumped at the opportunity to get one.)

Send your best stories to ANA. They can be stories of last year's NCW events, or those from this year. Not only will we select the two best stories and give the winners full scholarships to ANA's Summer Conference, but we'll publish the best ones.

Besides promoting our hobby, it should be a lot of fun.

Sincerely,



James Taylor
ANA Education Director



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DEAR COLLECTORS, DEALERS AND CLUBS:

RE: NUMISMATIC ITEMS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL YN AUCTION

Each year the ANA conducts an auction at its annual convention just for the Young Numismatists, and also a mail bid auction for those unable to attend the convention.

Auction lots can be purchased only with "auction money" -- earned by participating in a variety of numismatic activities during the school year. Any unused auction dollars from past years can be accumulated and used in the next year's auctions.

One important benefit of this activity is, the YNs learn how an auction is conducted. It also provides an activity in which all YNs can participate--each YN is given a \$25 voucher to get started.

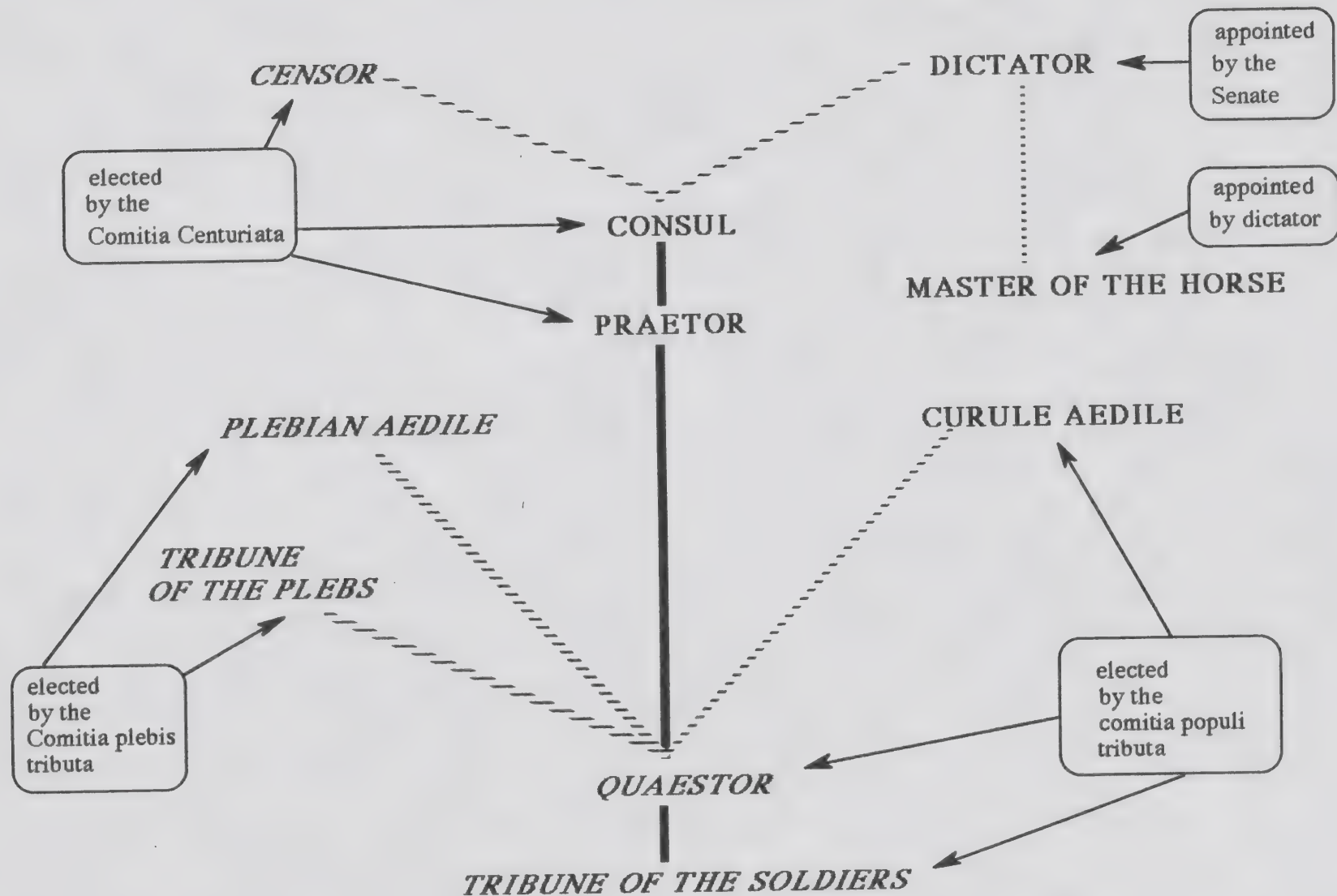
We are asking our members and friends in the coin industry and hobby to provide us with items for these auctions. A wide range of material is being sought, including U.S. and world coins, ancients (which always bring especially high bids), tokens, medals, paper money and quality numismatic books. Anyone who makes a donation will be listed in the YN auction catalog and will receive a copy of the auction catalog. An official donation receipt, issued by our accounting department, will be sent to each donor.

Can we count on your support again this year?

Sincerely,

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THE *CURSUS HONORUM*



GAIUS FONTEIUS

114 or 113 B.C.



RRC. 290/1



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MANIUS FONTEIUS

108 or 107 B.C.



RRC. 307/1a



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MANIUS FONTEIUS

85 B.C.



RRC. 353/1a



RRC. 353/1d



RRC. 353/2



RRC. 353/3

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55 B.C.



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RRC. 429/2a

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 1996

Time: 8:00 PM

Place: Allegheny Bldg, 429 Forbes Ave, 7th Floor

Speaker: **Richard Crosby**

Topic: **"Circle of Friends"**

The February meeting of WPNS was attended by 16 members and two guests: Cory Costo (invited by Larry Korchnak), and Joe Yates (invited by Ed Krivoniak).

The major item of business at the meeting was a discussion of plans for printing the next volume in the Allegheny Project, Skip Culleton's book on the National Bank Notes of Allegheny County. The Society authorized the expenditure of up to \$750 to print 100 copies.

Eileen Kaminsky reported that Neil Conner's medical condition is worsening. He has lost his speech and communicates by writing and typing on a computer. We miss you, Neil! Members can reach him his home address:

Neil Conner
879 Pleasant Hill Drive
Washington, PA 15301

Tom Fort presented a program on *"Cicero's Client - Manius Fontius"*. The talk was inspired by a coin purchased from Ed Krivoniak at The Coin Exchange.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

PRESENTATION BY RICHARD J. CROSBY

MARCH 5, 1996

THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS OF THE MEDALLION

Established 1909

This is a band of artists and lovers of the arts, of both sexes, who hope to encourage in the public a taste for small sculptures and especially for bas-relief. Designs are chosen by the Art Committee. Medals and other sculptures issued by the Circle go to members only, without charge beyond the annual dues. They are not offered publicly for sale. They are all bronze, unless a costlier medal is called for at an additional cost.

The Circle of Friends of the Medallion will include modern as well as old themes in its series of small sculptures and utter graceful comment upon things of the day through these creations of skillful hands. May it cast a two-fold influence! On the one hand may it call the attention of our sculptors and painters to a field scarcely considered by them, on the other, may it recall to the laymen an idea particularly needed in the present day of big empty art work,- that sculpture in small dimensions may be great, that the art is neither a matter of costliness, nor of size.

Members who wish to nominate friends, or desire extra copies of the medal to dispose of as gifts can address the Secretary, Charles de Kay, at the Arts Club, Gramercy Park, Manhattan, which for the present remains the headquarters of the Circle.

General Information:

During the quarter century just elapsed, the taste and demand for medals and small bas-reliefs have singularly grown. With time the sphere of this art has widened, so that the personal medallion and historical medal stand by no means apart and alone. There are medals that express sentiment and medals that celebrate inventions, medals for the festivals of family life as well as those that recall the dead. With what eagerness does not the historian seize on coin and medal to help him realize and visualize the men and women of the past! How important are they, as data for writers! And what would we not give for records in small bronze that tell of the founding of cities and empires which we recognize only through their miserable ends.

There is nothing, says John Evelyn in *A Discourse of Medals* (1697) in all this Tract of Time that has proved more lasting than these *Nummi Memorials* which we call *Medals*. "Nay, even the names as well as Actions of many famous Persons had been long since as unknown as if they had never been at all, but for these small pieces of Medal which seem to have broken and worn out the very Teeth of Time that devours and tears in pieces all things else."

What a wealth of facts otherwise forgot is stored in such books as those compiled from medals by Bizot and Van Loon!

Today we are growing sensitive to the change that with few exceptions our coins are ugly. The immediate need is that people educate their senses by owing and observing small sculpture. Bas-reliefs, medallions and such portable objects as are proper to the home. Bronze medals have a special beauty of their own which is only enhanced by a certain amount of handling. If designed by an artist who has a natural bent toward metallic art (and there are fewer of them one would expect) the bronze medal becomes a little gem of sculpture that charms not only the eye but the sense of touch.

Medallions and small reliefs are home bodies that live near us, on the library shelf and on the chamber wall, on the table or the what-not, sharing the intimacy of a favorite etching or much-thumbed book. Along with coins they offer engaging glimpses of the past, thus opening vistas into history and mythology.

THE FIRST MEDAL issued by the Circle of Friends of the Medallion in Manhattan September of 1909 "Hudson-Fulton Celebration"

This medal is meant to recall the festivals by the State and City of New York sought to cherish the memory of two men whom we hold in honor -Henry Hudson the explorer, who first thoroughly examined for Holland the North River in his Dutch ship the Halve Mean, and Robert Fulton, artist, engineer and inventor, who first made the use of steam practical on water in his "steamboat" the Clermont. Hudson's name is as immortal as are the river itself and the land locked Polar sea in which, marooned by his mutinous crew, he perished of cold and hunger. Fulton's may be found in many places. This medal is one of several which commemorate Hudson and Fulton.

John Flannagan 1895-1952 was born in North Dakota. He was a noted sculptor and designer who designed many private medals and the Washington Quarter. This design symbolizes the present age of Electricity by the figure of a nymphon top of clouds. She gazes down upon two symbols of the ages of steam and sail craft, one of the Clermont, the other the Halve Mean. Past and present are combined together; three centuries are suggested in one small bronze.

The Second Medal issued by the Circle of Friends of the Medallion in Manhattan May of 1910 " The Home."

This medal was designed by the sculptor Isidore Konti of New York, has on its obverse a group of father and mother seated by the fireside, the father telling some tale to the eager maiden who leans against his knee, the mother listening as she holds the little son on her lap.

"Happiness of home and hearth" is a phrase well known to the Romans, who have in their literature an imperishable record of the value in which they held the family, its unity and its sanctity. Isidore Konti has designed for the obverse a beautiful composition of four figures. The reverse has an angel of peace and good will, blessing the house as she moves on high, bearing a palm in her hand; and the motto consists of six words from the famous lines by John Howard Payne, the poet of one song.

The obverse and reverse are examples of a somewhat rare and difficult thing, a medal of sentiment without sentimentality.

The Third Medal issued by the Circle of Friends of the Medallion in Manhattan March 1911. "SAINT BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR"

Brendan, son on Finnlug was born in Tralee on the western part of Ireland in 484/486 and died 578. He was a celebrated Celtic saint, monastic founder, abbot and hero of legendary voyages in the Atlantic Ocean. He was also an early navigator and the first to bring to Europe information of islands in the West. It was eight centuries later, that Christopher Columbus gave the name of India to these isalands

Mr. Mowbray-Clark, sculptor viewed Brendan as a man of action, the thinker, the dreamer. Attributes of ship and sea monster mark his famous exploits, the harp his devotion to the old keltic poetry. The spiritual passion which overlays the concrete facts of certain actual voyages has been symbolized on the reverse the soul of a man is figured by the traditional bird, while the glory behind the head of the aspirant suggests at one and the same time the sunset between land and heaven, an idea by no means foreign to the myths of our redskins.

The Fourth Medal issued by the Circle of Friends of the Medallion in Manhattan May of 1911. "ON MOTHERHOOD"

Designed by Victor D. Brenner, (1871-1924). He was born in Savly, Russia and came to the United States in 1890 and started business as a die cutter. He designed many medals & statutes privately any for the U.S. Mint.

The Motherhood medal shows a very charming spirit of material love on the obverse, and on the reverse a little figure nor without gaiety and gallantry - an angel or Puck astride of a cloud, trumpeting the name of the newly-borne to the four quaters of the earth. Space is left for an inscription.

The Fifth Medal issued by the Circle of Friends of the Medallion in Manhattan November 1911. "Motier de la Fayette"

Designed by Jules E. Roine 1857-1916 French sculptor and medallist. He immigrated to New York in 1887 and designed many medals and coins privately and for the U.S. Mint.

The obverse shows Liberty striding forward; the figures in the clouds tell of the influence exerted by our revolution upon that of France; the smoke indicates the chaos that accompanied the latter. Liberty carries the flags of the new Republic and the French Monarchy. Preceded by the American eagle, she is sending her cry of welcome across the sea. The reverse of Marquis de Lafayette (1778-1825) French noble who fought with the American colonists against the British in the American Revolution; by allying with the revolutionary bourgeoisie, he became one of the most powerful men in France during the first two years of the French Revolution.

The Sixth Medal issued by the Circle of Friends of the Medallion in Manhattan June of 1912. "Charles Dickens, Reformer"

Designed by John S. Conway, of Tenafly, N.J. Obverse is a likeness of Dickens in his later years as he looked from his return from America in the 1860's. The reverse shows Bob Cratchitt carrying Tiny Tim on his shoulder in triumph to the Christmas dinner.

Charles Dickens 1812-1870 born in Portsmouth, Hampshire is generally regarded as the greatest English novelist. Much of his work appeals to all intellectual and social strata and retains its popularity to the present. Long noted as one of the most varied and imaginative comic writers in English. Dickens also came to be recognized for his social criticism-increasing complex, sometimes profound largely sombre, but usually compassionate.

The Seventh Medal issued by the Circle of Friends of the Medallion in Manhattan November 1912. "Abdul Bahl- An Apostle of Peace"

Original name Allah Baha (1817-1892) born in Acre, Palestine. Muslim religious leader and founder of the Bahai faith upon his manifestation of the unknowable God. Name was changed to Baha, Allah developed the formerly provincial Bahai doctrine into a comprehensive teaching advocating the unity off all religions and the universal brotherhood of man. Emphaszing social ethics, he eschewed ritual worship and devoted himself to the aboltion of racial class and religious prejudices. His place of confinement in Acre became a center of pilgrimage for Bahai belivers from Persia to the U.S.

Sculptor Louis Potter, of New York, The figure in Oriental robes on the reverse represents the cardinal spirit of love that brings peace to mankind and leads to the unity of all faiths. "LOVE-PEACE-UNITY"

The Eighth Medal issued by the Circle of Friends of the Medallion in Manhattan June of 1913. "The Ocean"

Mr. Sigurd Neandross an American sculptor born of Norwegian parents on the Pacific Ocean. His grandfather was a shipbuilder in San Francisco who lived in a house on the shore near the Golden Gate which he adapted from a stanard bark. No one could be better prepared by ancestry and place of birth to undertake to solve the problem how to condence this endless theme, the ocean, into bits of sculptural relief a few inches wide.

On one side of this medallion the sculptor has personified the movement and well-spring of life in water, not unmindful of Pinder's opening line: "Chief of all elements is water"; on the other he has symbolized by a stern implacable face emerging from clouds on the horizon the unbending forces of Nature, the eternal interplay of sky and sea, which yet allows of lavish seagrowths and does not fail to cherish the nautilus, most fragile of things. Round about runs a design taken from a fossil seaform.

The Ninth Medal issued by Circle of Friends of the Medallion in Manhattan December 1913. "John Charles Fremont"

John C. Fremont (1813-1890) born in Georgia, educated in South Carolina and the son of a Virginian mother and died in New York. He was an explorer of the passes of the Rocky Mountains, virtual deliverer of California from the Mexicans, and former Governor and Senator from California prior to being nominated for the Presidency in 1856 just before the civil war by the new born Republican party.

Obverse shows Fremont in his early fifties when he was senator from California. The Reverse shows the winged figure of victory as the symbol of California.

Medal was designed by Mr. Rene Theophile de Quelin a native of Nates in Brittany. Came to New York in 1881 became an assistant to Augustus Saint Gaudens and later on worked as manager of the decorating section of Tiffany Studios in New York.

The Tenth Medal issued by the Circle of Friends of the Medallion in Manhattan June of 1914. "Peace for One Hundred Years"

Designed by Mr. John Mowbray-Clarke who also designed the medallion in honor of Saint Brendan.

Obverse shows two kingsmen locked in a struggle for supremacy, like wrestlers waiting for a chance, and between them a couple men-of-war under sail are seen far off in a blur of smoke. The war between Great Britain and the United States one hundred years ago is symbolized by the two athletes, the inscriptions reading: "the last war between brothers" and below "at the expense of the friends of the Medallion." This medal inscribed on the reverse "Peace for 100 years," is issued to celebrate the harmony which reigns among English speaking people in all parts of the world.

The Eleventh Medal issued by the Circle of Friends of the Medallion in Manhattan in December of 1914. "New Netherland"

Sculptor is Paul Manship (1885-1966) Born in St. Paul, Minnesota. Member of the National Sculptor Society, American Academy of Arts & Letters, National Academy of Fine Arts, and others. Awarded many medals for his sculptures. Designed the official Inaugural medal of Franklin D. Roosevelt (obverse & reverse) in 1933.

Obverse is the good ship New Netherland which brought the first substantial reinforcement of settlers to the colony in 1623. A Hollander and a Manhattan Indian smoke the peace pipe; the beaver, looking like the engravings on wood of that small but valued beast which we find in the Dutch books of the period, represents the chief article of commerce in the early days and one of the first coat-of-arms of the city.

Reverse is the figure of New York, a lusty brawny dame who toys with a "skyscraper" like a daughter of the giants in a Norse poem, lending a touch of humor to the medallion.

The Twelfth Medal issued by Circle of Friends of the Medallion in Manhattan for the year ending June 30, 1915. "Joan of Arc" 1411-1431 Born & died in France. Joan is a beatified, not a canonized saint in the hagiology of the Roman Catholic Church.

Designed by Mr. Allen G. Newman, a young sculptor who has won distinction for monuments and tablets in relief.

Obverse shows the head and shoulders of Joan; she wears no helmet on her flowing hair but has the corslet. She is about to raise toward her lips the hilt of the old sword found behind the altar of St. Catharine of Fierbois and looks upon it, as the symbol of the cross with prophetic gaze as if she saw beyond the crowning of the king her own unhappy fate. The legend in Latin reads: Beata Joanna d'Arc. Christi Miles - "Soldier of Christ."

Reverse shows a figure embodying France on one knee, bowed in sorrow over a shield, which she sustains, bearing the coat of arms granted to the family of Jaque d'Arc by Charles VII. Though Joan never used it, her brothers and their descendents kept this shield bright in the many wars that followed during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. The legend in French is: Pour l'honneur de la France.

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Comments and suggestions are welcome

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NIP-WHAT.DOC - INDEXES: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) 02/08/1996

NUMISMATIC INDEXES PROJECT (NIP)
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1. Q. What is NIP (Numismatic Indexes Project) and what are its objectives?

A. A question was posted to the E-Mail numismatic literature discussion group (BiblioNumis-L, see #7) in June, 1995 by one Dan Freidus regarding indexes for past and present numismatic periodicals.

"Has anyone put together a good index to Numismatic Scrapbook? If so, where is it available? While we're on it, are there good indices to any other major numismatic periodicals. such as The Numismatist, Museum Notes, Numismatic Chronicle, etc?"

A reply from one Wayne Homren related that

"While traveling a couple weeks ago with Fred Schwan, he told me about the question he once asked Nancy Green, former ANA librarian (I'm paraphrasing here...) "As a professional librarian, what do you see as the most glaring omission in the body of numismatic literature?" Fred asked me to guess her reply. After ruling out "an encyclopedia" a la Breen, I correctly guessed "a COMPREHENSIVE index to numismatic periodicals".

"This has been a crying need for many years. Most major publications produce (annual) indices, but no one has ever taken on the task of pulling together a combined index."

With this in mind, the Harry W. Bass, Jr. Research Foundation (HBRF) of Dallas, Texas decided in June, 1995 to pursue the creation of an electronic computer based composite index of the publications of the American Numismatic Society, located in New York City (actually a set of indexes for their several publications). Permission to utilize copyrighted material was sought and granted.

2. Q. Indexes of what periodicals are included in this release of NIP?

A. The series of indexes from the periodical publications of the American Numismatic Society are:

- 1) American Journal of Numismatics, First Series 1866-1924
The "American Journal of Numismatics" was the first periodical of the American Numismatic Society. The "First Series" ceased in 1924, and has been succeeded by a number of other Society periodicals and publications.
- 2) Museum Notes 1945-1988
"The American Numismatic Society Museum Notes" (1945-1988) - a scholarly journal containing articles on numismatic topics, was published annually. "Museum Notes" was succeeded in 1989 by "The American Journal of Numismatics - Second Series", which continues to be published annually as a scholarly journal containing articles on numismatic topics.
- 3) American Journal of Numismatics, Second Series 1989-current
The "American Journal of Numismatics - Second Series" is the successor to "Museum Notes" (1945-1988), and continues as a scholarly journal containing articles on numismatic topics. Published annually.
- 4) Coinage of the Americas Conference (COAC) 1984-1995
"Coinage of the Americas Conference" is an annual program conducted at the Society's New York City premises which focuses on a subject devoted to the money of the Americas.
- 5) Numismatic Notes and Monographs 1921-1968
"Numismatic Notes and Monographs" published by ANS 1921-1968 consist of separately issued numismatic studies - each on a specific topic.
- 6) ANS Proceedings 1878-1914
The "Proceedings" served as an Annual Report and contained many papers, with illustrations, presented by members at the Society's Annual Meeting. Some "Proceedings" were incorporated into issues of the Society's "Journal".

- B. During the creation phase, permission was obtained to utilize the copyrighted index material of four additional numismatic publications; together with a fifth that is out of copyright.

- 1) "The Numismatist", 1888-1995, copyright American Numismatic Assoc. The Numismatist, a monthly publication, is received by all members of the American Numismatic Association. Numismatic areas covered are many. It has articles on coins and currency world-wide; announcements and news briefs; and columns about coin authentication, the ANA's Money Museum, auctions, consumer concerns and many other subjects of interest to collectors.
- 2) "Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine": 1935-1975, copyright 1935-1968 by Hewitt Bros.; 1968-1975, copyright COIN WORLD (Amos Press Inc.). "The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine" was published 1935-1975. COIN WORLD publishes the leading weekly numismatic tabloid newspaper which covers all aspects of numismatics world-wide.
- 3) "Numismatic Review", 1943-1947, copyright Stacks (Numismatists). The "Numismatic Review" was a periodical, published by Stack's Numismatists from 1943 to 1947, which contained scholarly numismatic articles written by prominent numismatists.
- 4) "Coin Collector's Journal", 1875-1888, published by Scott Stamp and Coin Company. The editor for the first year was Ed. Frossard and for the subsequent twelve years David Proskey.
- 5) "Coin Collector's Journal - New Series", 1934-1954. It was published again by Scott Stamp and Coin company as a monthly from 1934 through March, 1938; and edited by Wayte Raymond and Stuart Mosher.

With the April, 1938 issue, it became a quarterly; published by Wayte Raymond, who continued as Editor, with Stuart Mosher continuing as Associate Editor. Many fine numismatists contributed excellent articles covering all areas and ages. The index for the "New Series" proved to be a challenge. Raymond's annual indexes seldom mentioned the author's name! An attempt has been made to rectify this. The present copyright owner has graciously consented to the use of the indexes and author/subject material from the issues as source material.

Other numismatic publications are invited to request inclusion of their indexes in the NIP project.

3. Q. How were these indexes constructed?

A. The indexes were constructed from existing multi-year indexes, annual indexes, tables of contents, and reference to the individual issues.

Four of the publications were started over 100 years ago. Two of these, the American Numismatic Society's (ANS) "American Journal of Numismatics" and the American Numismatic Association's "The Numismatist", are still published! There were a variety of indexing styles and methods to consider. The periodicals met diverse needs and were conceived and written in different decades under many editors, and thus have inherent differences.

A decision was made to leave each individual publication's index intact, rather than attempting to merge all of them into one large uniform index - and risk losing some of the available information through inconsistencies in style and content.

Additional fields and formatting were added to complete each entry and to clarify the information in the fields (such as "Vol.#" and "Pg.#").

Within each periodical's ASCII index file, each listed index reference has its own complete "record" line. Thus, if the original entry in a printed index had three related cross references, the common information has been replicated to make three complete, self-contained records. While this would seem wasteful in a printed index, in a computerized index searching scheme, it is felt to be the preferred method so as present the needed information both clearly and discretely.

Having a separate DOS ASCII text file for each periodical presents no obstacle, due to the capabilities of the suggested filter/search programs. These are capable of searching sequentially through all the index files in a single pass (see "MaxFind" or "Filter" documentation for details).

4. Q. What software program is needed to search and read the indexes?

A. The index files consist of pure ASCII characters (no word processor formatting or font codes, etc.). Each line represents a separate record of information, complete within itself, identifying the original source.

The indexes are constructed so as to be speedily searchable using any ASCII text viewer/reader. However, for most effective use of the indexes, software generally known as a "text filter/searcher" is preferred.

For PC DOS, Windows, and OS/2 at least two such software search programs are publicly available: 1) MaxFind (Shareware, cost \$21); and 2) Filter (which is Freeware). Others are suggested for Macintosh and UNIX. They are quite simple to use.

A good text viewer/reader program is also desirable. One of the most popular for DOS, etc. is LIST by Vernon Buerg (Shareware).

Information for obtaining trial copies of the foregoing software programs and their use may be found in the included "NIP-HOW.DOC" file.

Since the indexes are in plain ASCII, they can be accessed and utilized whether you use DOS, Windows, Macintosh, or UNIX as your operating system.

For those using Windows or OS/2, it is suggested that you drop to a DOS Window and then use the suggested DOS text file search programs.

For those using a MAC: the shareware search program, "SearchFiles", was found to be quite useful for quick searches of the indexes. When the indexes are kept in the same folder, all text files in that folder can be included in the same search. (See "NIP-HOW.DOC" for more specific information.)

For those using UNIX: a shareware text search program, such as Grep, Egrep or Fgrep can be used to scan the indexes. You will need to be able to download the zipped file and unzip it. You may want to check with your System Administrator as to what programs are best suited to these two tasks.

5. Q. How will the indexes be distributed, and what is the cost to a user?

A. The Harry W. Bass, Jr. Research Foundation seeks no profit from this project. The goal is to make the index information available to all interested parties for no more than the costs of dissemination. Initially, the NIP indexes will be available in FTP (File Transfer Protocol) downloadable form on the Internet. Later they will be made available to shareware/freeware distribution sites, as well as public bulletin boards. Computer user groups may make it available on diskette to those without Internet access for no more than the cost of distribution (usually \$2-\$6 per diskette). Its distribution and sale by "for-profit" entities is prohibited.

Instructions for obtaining the software programs by FTP will be found in the "NIP-HOW" file.

6. Q. Who should be contacted for further information or updates of this index database, or if I find mistakes, or have suggestions?

A. Questions concerning the project may be addressed to:

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We know that we have not caught all mistakes in the indexes' text, though we have been diligent in pursuing and eradicating all those found. The HBRF assumes no liability for incorrect data, or any problems that may result from the use of these index data files.

If you find significant errors in the content of the indexes, or have suggestions as to ways to improve on the output or usefulness of the project, we are happy to receive your feedback and input.

7. Q. How do I learn more about the BiblioNumis-L E-Mail list and other InterNet resources having to do with numismatics?

A. "BiblioNumis-L" is an E-Mail discussion group list having numismatic literature as its sole focus. Subscription is free. All posts to the list by subscribers are automatically distributed to all subscribers by a robot LISTSERV software program. It is a very low volume list.

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The Department of the Treasury

The United States Mint A Bureau of the Department of the Treasury

The Act of April 2, 1792, which provided for gold, silver and copper coinage also created the first U.S. Mint in the City of Philadelphia, then the Nation's capital. President Washington placed the operation under the supervision of the Secretary of State, where it remained until 1799, when the Mint became an independent agency reporting directly to the President. Subsequent legislation set up branch Mints and Assay Offices and authorized public depository functions in these establishments. The Coinage Act of 1873 put all Mint and Assay Office activities under the newly organized Bureau of the Mint in the Department of the Treasury.

Mint service activities are administered by the Director of the Mint from the Bureau headquarters in Washington, DC. The Director is appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and is responsible for coinage production and the distribution of coins to and among the Federal Reserve banks and branches, which in turn release them, as required, to commercial banks. In addition, the Mint maintains physical custody of Treasury stocks of gold and silver. It moves, stores, and releases from custody gold and silver bullion coins for authorized purposes, and manufactures coinage dies. On a reimbursable basis, the Mint manufactures and sells medals of a national character, manufactures coinage for foreign governments, and produces proof and uncirculated sets for sale.

The Director oversees the operation of the Philadelphia and Denver Mints, the Assay Office at San Francisco, and two depositories for the storage of precious metals; one at Fort Knox, KY, and the other at West Point, NY. Under Congressional authority, the West Point facility is also being used as an auxiliary coinage plant. The Bureau also maintained the restored San Francisco Old Mint, which housed administrative offices and a two-level museum containing Mint and early California displays and memorabilia, until it closed in 1995. The Customer Service and Order Processing Center formerly located at the Old Mint has been transferred to suburban Washington, DC, as an adjunct of the headquarters office.

The Director of the Mint reports annually to the Secretary of the Treasury on Mint operations for the fiscal year. The report includes statistical tables covering coin production, inventories and distribution, as well as the production of national medals and foreign coinage produced by U.S. Mints.

BULLION DEPOSITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES

U.S. BULLION DEPOSITORY, Fort Knox, KY: The site for this installation was formerly a part of the Fort Knox military reservation that was deeded to the Treasury Department. The Depository, completed in 1936, is a principal storage place for United States stocks of gold bullion.

U.S. BULLION DEPOSITORY, West Point, NY: This structure, completed and occupied in 1938, is situated on a four-acre tract of land formerly a part of the West Point Military Reservation which was deeded to the Treasury Department. It was erected primarily as a silver storage facility. Now, by authorization of the Congress, coinage operations are carried on at this installation as needed. This includes domestic and foreign coinage and special commemorative coinage, as directed.

ASSAY OFFICES OF THE UNITED STATES

U.S. ASSAY OFFICE, St. Louis, MO, authorized by Act of February 1, 1881; opened July 1, 1881; closed June 30, 1911.

U.S. ASSAY OFFICE, Helena, MT, authorized by Act of May 12, 1874; commenced operations January 15, 1877; closed June 30, 1933.

U.S. ASSAY OFFICE, Salt Lake City, UT, authorized by Act of May 30, 1908; opened February 1, 1909; closed June 30, 1933.

U.S. ASSAY OFFICE, Deadwood, SD, established by Act of June 11, 1896 and February 19, 1897; opened April 20, 1898; closed June 30, 1927.

U.S. ASSAY OFFICE, Boise, ID, established by Act of February 19, 1869; first deposits received in March of 1872; closed June 30, 1933.

U.S. ASSAY OFFICE, New York, NY, authorized by Act of March 3, 1853; opened in 1854; closed December 31, 1982.

U.S. ASSAY OFFICE, Seattle, WA, authorized by Act of May 21, 1898; closed March 31, 1955.

MINTS OF THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA MINT – authorized by Act of April 2, 1792; first regular coinage, 1793; Mint is still in operation.

DENVER MINT – authorized by Act of April 21, 1862; operated as an assay office until 1906; coinage operations commenced 1906; Mint still in operation.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – authorized by Act of July 3, 1852; first coinage 1854; coinage operations were suspended in March of 1955, but the plant continued to operate as an assay office. Public Law 87-534, passed July 11, 1962, changed the official designation from "Mint" to "Assay Office." Coinage operations are now authorized in San Francisco under authority of the

Coinage Act of 1965, approved July 23, 1965. The United States Mint also maintained the Old San Francisco Mint (1874 – 1937), which in 1972 was designated a National Historic Landmark. Restored in the mid-Seventies, it housed administrative offices and a two-level museum and public sales facility, until it closed in 1995.

CHARLOTTE, NC – authorized by Act of March 3, 1835; coinage operations conducted there from 1838 through May 20, 1861; they were discontinued due to the Civil War and never resumed; the plant was reopened in 1868 as an assay office, and these operations ceased June 30, 1913, when the plant was closed.

DAHLONEGA, GA – authorized by Act of March 3, 1835, first coinage 1838; coinage suspended in 1861 and never resumed; building passed out of Government possession in 1871.

CARSON CITY, NV – authorized by Act of March 3, 1863; coinage operations from 1870 through 1893; operated as an assay office until 1933, when it was closed.

NEW ORLEANS, LA – authorized by Act of March 3, 1835; first coinage in 1838; operations suspended from 1861 to 1879, but assay functions performed from 1876; coinage resumed in 1879 and continued until 1909; operated as an assay office from 1909 to 1942, when it was closed.

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The Department of the Treasury

The United States Mint, A Brief History 1792 – 1995

In colonial times, it was very common to find varieties of currency in use from such countries as Great Britain, Portugal, Spain, France, and Germany. In addition to local currency issued by the colonies, wampum, livestock and local crops, such as tobacco were also used to conduct business and other daily transactions of commerce. This variety caused confusion and slowed the process of trade and economic growth. The critical need for a standard monetary system became an issue of great concern to the framers of the U.S. Constitution.

By 1776, Thomas Jefferson had become the emerging Nation's strongest advocate for a unified system of coinage to lay the foundation for expanded trade and economic growth in the 13 states. To this end, Jefferson proposed the decimal coinage system that we use today. Moreover, over the next 15 years Jefferson would become a leading advocate for founding a national mint on American soil, both for practical reasons and as a symbolic reminder of the Nation's recently-won sovereignty.

Jefferson's efforts culminated in the enactment of the Mint Act of 1792, authored by Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, which also authorized construction of the first Mint in Philadelphia. The legislation placed the U.S. Mint under Jefferson's authority as Secretary of State, and Jefferson would recommend one of America's most respected scientists, David Rittenhouse, to President Washington as the Mint's first Director.

The Act of April 2, 1792, established a mint at the "seat of Government," regulated coins of the United States, and authorized American coinage to be made of gold, silver, and copper. Gold was to be used for the \$10, \$5, and \$2.50 pieces; silver for the dollar, half dollar, quarter, "disme" (dime), and "half disme" (half-dime); and copper for the cent and half cent. The Act of April 2, 1792, also provided for each coin to have "...an impression emblematic of liberty, with an inscription of the word Liberty, and the year of the coinage...." Gold and silver coins were to include a figure or representation of an eagle and the word "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," on the reverse, while the denomination was to be noted on the copper coins ("cent" or "half cent"). Defacement, embezzlement, or counterfeiting of a coin by a Mint employee was punishable by death.

The cornerstone for the first Mint building was laid on July 31, 1792, at 7th and Arch Streets, in Philadelphia, and construction was completed that fall. It was the first Federal building erected by the United States Government under the Constitution. Philadelphian David Rittenhouse served as the Mint's first Director from April 1792 to June 1795. It was under his leadership that the Mint produced its first circulating coins — 11, 178 copper cents, which were delivered in March 1793. Soon after, the Mint began issuing gold and silver coins as well. While surviving Mint records do not specifically record the event, legend states that President Washington, who lived only a few blocks from the Mint, is believed to have donated some of his own silver for the coins.

In 1799 the Mint became an independent agency reporting directly to the President. In 1873, the Mint's administrative headquarters was moved from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. and the Mint was established as the Bureau of the Mint, under the Department of the Treasury. In 1984, the name was changed by Secretarial Order to the United States Mint. Since the establishment of the first Mint in Philadelphia in 1792, additional facilities have been established in San Francisco, California; Denver, Colorado; Dahlonega, Georgia; Charlotte, North Carolina; New Orleans, Louisiana; Carson City, Nevada; West Point, New York; Fort Knox, Kentucky; and U.S. Mint Headquarters, in Washington, DC. Assay Offices were established at St. Louis, Missouri; Helena, Montana; Salt Lake City, Utah; Deadwood, South Dakota; Boise, Idaho; Seattle, Washington; and New York, New York. Of all these sites, the Washington Headquarters and the facilities in Philadelphia, San Francisco, Denver, West Point, and Fort Knox remain.

The primary mission of the U.S. Mint is to produce an adequate volume of circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The other major responsibilities of the Mint include:

- Producing and distributing all United States circulating coins through the Federal Reserve banks and branches
- Maintaining physical custody of Treasury gold and silver assets. Moving and storing these metals for authorized purposes
- Producing proof and uncirculated coins, commemorative coins, and national medals for sale to the general public
- Manufacturing and selling gold and silver bullion coins
- Receipt and processing of uncurrent and mutilated coins

The functions of the U.S. Mint's facilities include:

U.S. Mint Headquarters, Washington, D.C. — —policy formulation and administrative guidance; program management; research and development; marketing operations; customer services and order processing; operation of the Union Station sales center

Philadelphia Mint, Pennsylvania — —all engraving for U.S. coins and medals; the manufacture of all coin and medal dies; manufacture of proof one-ounce silver bullion coins; manufacture of all denominations for general circulation; manufacture of commemorative coins as authorized by Congress; miniature and multi-strike medals; conducting of public tours and maintenance of the facility's sales center

Denver Mint, Colorado — —manufacture of coins of all denominations for general circulation, as well as miniature medals; storage of all gold and silver bullion; manufacture of regular uncirculated coin sets; manufacture of commemorative coins as authorized by Congress; conducting of public tours and overseeing the facility's sales center

San Francisco, California — —manufacture of regular proof coin sets, uncirculated one-ounce silver bullion coins, and miniature medals; manufacture of commemorative coins as authorized by Congress

West Point, New York — —manufacture of uncirculated silver one-ounce bullion coins, and all sizes of the proof and uncirculated American Eagle gold bullion coins; manufacture of commemorative coins as authorized by Congress; storage of gold and silver bullion

U.S. Bullion Depository, Fort Knox, Kentucky — —storage of gold bullion

U.S. Mint Medals:

The United States Mint also produces national medals—selective awards authorized by Congress to commemorate significant historical events of the Nation, or to honor those persons whose superior deeds and achievements have enriched our history, or the world.

List Medals are those produced for sale to the public, normally in bronze (90% copper, 10% zinc); and many are exact duplicates or miniature replicas of those actually awarded by Congress to outstanding individuals, such as Brig. General Charles Yeager, Jesse Owens, Vietnam Veterans, Persian Gulf Veterans, General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, General Colin L. Powell, Benjamin Franklin, and Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson. In 1995, the first in a series of Coin Awareness Programs was launched to highlight five of the Nation's most acclaimed African American leaders — Marian Anderson, Joe Louis, Jesse Owens, General Colin L. Powell, and Roy Wilkins — honored on Congressionally authorized medals in an historical edition.

U.S. Mint Commemorative Coins:

The United States Mint is authorized by Congress to produce limited-edition commemorative coins that celebrate and honor American people, culture and history. The legislation that authorizes each commemorative coin also dictates the maximum mintage to be produced and a time period after which minting is prohibited, and is operated at no net cost to taxpayers. Since 1982, coins have been issued that recognize the contributions of great people such as George Washington (1982), Dwight David Eisenhower (1990), Christopher Columbus (1992), and Thomas Jefferson (1994); significant places and buildings that are symbols of our Nation's history such as the Statue of Liberty (1986), U.S. Congressional Bicentennial (1989), White House Bicentennial (1992), and U.S. Capitol (1994); and significant events and places such as the U.S. Olympics (1983, 1984, 1988, 1992), U.S. Constitution Bicentennial (1987), Korean War (1991), Bill of Rights (1993), World War II (1993), the U.S. Veterans (1994), the Civil War Battlefields (1995), the Special Olympics (1995), and the coins for the 100th Anniversary Olympiad in Atlanta (1995 and 1996).

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NUMISMATIC GLOSSARY

Uncirculated Coin

A coin that has not been put into circulation, and usually struck only once to create a lustrous finish.

Proof Coin A coin that is struck at least twice using specially prepared blanks and dies to give a mirror-like background.

Pre-Issue

The fixed period of time, following the announcement of a commemorative coin's availability, in which the United States Mint offers a discount price for orders received.

Legal Tender

Coins that have been authorized by Congress. This includes the circulating coins which we use every day, and all commemorative coins legislated by Congress.

Mint Mark

The identification on coins ("P" — Philadelphia; "W" — West Point; "S" — San Francisco; "D" — Denver) showing the Mint facility that produced them.

Bullion Coin

A precious metal coin that is bought and sold mainly for investment purposes. The American Eagle Bullion Coins are the only bullion coins produced by the United States Mint. They come in 1 ounce, 1/2 ounce, 1/4 ounce, 1/10 ounce gold coins and 1 ounce silver coins.

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The History of Mint Marks

MINT MARKS

Mint marks date from the days of ancient Greece and Rome. The practice was inaugurated in the United States by an Act of March 3, 1835, which established the first branch mints in this country. This Act provided that the Director of the Mint prescribe regulations for identifying the coins stamped at each institution, thus assuring central control of all coinage so that production from the different branches of the establishment would be standard. The use of a mint mark on branch mint coins also insured recognition of the Mint of issue when received in circulation or returned to the Mint. Thus responsibility for the coinage was established.

Philadelphia was the only Mint in operation in those earlier years, and identification of the coinage was not necessary. The practice was continued even after the branch Mints were established. In 1942, however, when World War II restrictions upon the use of metal made a change in the 5-cent piece necessary, a substitute alloy composed of 35% silver, 56% copper and 9% manganese was adopted. In order to more easily distinguish between the regular copper-nickel alloy and the substitute composition, the mint mark was moved from its usual position at the right of Monticello and placed above the dome of the building on the wartime 5-cent piece. The letter "P" on Philadelphia coinage was discontinued.

In July of 1979, an innovative small-sized dollar coin was introduced, replacing the standard 1¼-inch coin. Once again, the "P" mint was placed on Philadelphia production, this time on the dollar denomination.

Denver coins always have carried the letter "D" except during the date freeze mentioned later in this text.

The "S" mark was used on San Francisco coins until 1955, when production there was suspended. Operations were resumed in 1965, but on a limited basis. A supplemental coinage of cents for circulation was produced from 1968 through 1974; nickels were struck in 1968, 1969 and 1970. All bore the letter "S", as did a coinage of dimes in 1975. Cents were manufactured at San Francisco for general circulation, as well as at the West Point Bullion Depository, under auxiliary authority of the Congress in the early 1980's. However, in order to assure maximum circulation of this small production, no mint marks were used. Special Mint Sets were produced for collectors at San Francisco during 1965, 1966 and 1967. Due to the restrictions on coin identification in force at that time, no mint marks were used. Proof coin operations were moved from the Philadelphia Mint to San Francisco in 1968, and the letter "S" identifies that special numismatic coinage.

The coinage Act of 1965 prohibited the use of mint marks for a period of five years. This, together with the date free, eliminated distinguishing features on our coins which could tend to cause their removal from circulation during a critical period when the Mint was striving to build up coin inventories. No mint marks appear on coins dated 1965, 1966, and 1967. Congressional authorization permitted resumption of the practice in 1968, at which time the mint marks, usually positioned on the reverse of the coins prior to 1968, were permanently relocated on the obverse or date side.

All working dies, including those used in the Mint's special coinage and medals programs, are manufactured in the Die Manufacturing Division of the Philadelphia Mint. Mint marks are placed in the hub at Philadelphia. This hub is the tool that produces the working dies used to stamp the coins. Working dies are then delivered to the appropriate Mint facility for coinage purposes. Because of its secondary position in any coin designs, it has been the custom to make the mint mark as inconspicuous as possible and still be functional.

Table 1: Mint marks on coinage for circulation.

Institution	1 cent	Current Mint Marks			
		5 cents	10 cents	25 cents	50 cents
Philadelphia	No Mark	P	P	P	P
Denver		D	D	D	D
Former Mint Marks					
Charlotte, NC	C			1838-1861	
Carson City, NV	CC			1870-1893	
Dahlonaga, GA	D			1838-1861	
New Orleans, LA	O			1838-1909	

Table 2: Special Coins and Sets.

	Proof	Uncirc.
Regular 5-Coin Proof Set	S	
Silver 5-Coin Proof Set	S	
Uncirculated Sets (5 coins each mint)		P, D
Bullion Gold - 1 oz. (1986-1993)	W	
All denominations 1994 and after		
1986-1993 Bullion Gold - 1/2, 1/4, 1/10 oz.	P	
1986-1992 Bullion Silver	S	
1993 Bullion Silver	P	

Bicent. Silver Proof & Uncirc.

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Commemorative Coins	50 cents		\$1.00		\$5.00	
	Proof	Unc.	Proof	Unc.	Proof	Unc.
1982 G. Washington	S	D				
1983 Olympic			S	P,D,S		
1984 Olympic			S	P,D,S	W	P,D,S,W
1986 Statue of Liberty	S	D	S	P	W	W
1987 Bicent. of the Constitution			S	P	W	W
1988 Olympic			S	D	W	W
1989 Bicent. of Congress	S	D	S	D	W	W
1990 Eisenhower			P	W		
1991 Mount Rushmore	S	D	S	P	W	W
1991 USO			S	D		
1991 Korean War			P	D		
1992 Olympic	S	P	S	D	W	W
1992 Columbus						
1992 White House						
1993 Bill of Rights	S	W	S	D	W	W
World War II	P	P	W	D	W	W
1994 World Cup	P	D	S	D	W	W
1994 T. Jefferson			S	P		
1994 U.S. Veterans			P	W		
1994 U.S. Capitol			S	D		

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U.S. Circulating Coins - Specifications

DENOMINATION: Cent

Obverse: Lincoln
Designer: V.D. Brenner

Reverse: Lincoln Memorial
Designer: Frank Gasparro

Composition: Copper-plated zinc: 2.5% Cu: 97.5% Zn
Standard Weight: 2.500g
Standard Diameter: 0.750 in.
Edge: Plain

DENOMINATION: Nickel

Obverse: Jefferson
Designer: Felix Schlag

Reverse: Monticello
Designer: Felix Schlag

Composition: Cupro-nickel: 25% Ni: 75% Cu
Standard Weight: 5.000g
Standard Diameter: 0.835 in.
Edge: Plain

DENOMINATION: Dime

Obverse: Roosevelt
Designer: John R. Sinnock

Reverse: Torch/Olive Branch/Oak Branch
Designer: John R. Sinnock

Composition: Cupro-nickel Clad: 8.33% Ni: 91.67% Cu
Standard Weight: 2.268g
Standard Diameter: 0.705 in.
Edge: Reeded

DENOMINATION: Quarter

Obverse: Washington
Designer: John Flannagan

Reverse: Heraldic Eagle
Designer: John Flannagan

Composition: Cupro-nickel Clad: 8.33% Ni: 91.67% Cu
Standard Weight: 5.670g
Standard Diameter: 0.955 in.
Edge: Reeded

DENOMINATION: Half Dollar

Obverse: Kennedy
Designer: Gilroy Roberts

Reverse: Presidential Coat of Arms
Designer: Frank Gasparro

Composition: Cupro-nickel Clad: 8.33% Ni: 91.67% Cu
Standard Weight: 11.340g
Standard Diameter: 1.205 in.
Edge: Reeded

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HISTORY OF THE MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST"

From the records of the Department it appears that the first suggestion of the recognition of the Deity on the coins of the United States was contained in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. S. P. Chase, by the Rev. M. R. Watkinson, Minister of the Gospel, Ridleyville, PA, under date of November 13, 1861, which was as follows:

Ridleyville, PA, Nov. 13, 1861

Dear Sir:

You are about to submit your annual report to Congress respecting the affairs of the national finances.

One fact touching our currency has hitherto been seriously overlooked. I mean the recognition of the Almighty God in some form in our coins.

You are probably a Christian. What if our Republic were now shattered beyond reconstruction? Would not the antiquaries of succeeding centuries rightly reason from our past that we were a heathen nation? What I propose is that instead of the goddess of liberty we shall have next inside the 13 stars a ring inscribed with the words "perpetual union"; within this ring the allseeing eye, crowned with a halo; beneath this eye the American flag; bearing in its field stars equal to the number of the States united; in the folds of the bars the words "God, liberty, law". This would make a beautiful coin, to which no possible citizen could object. This would relieve us from the ignominy of heathenism. This would place us openly under the Divine protection we have personally claimed. From my heart I have felt our national shame in disowning God as not the least of our present national disasters.

To you first I address a subject that must be agitated.

(Sgd.) M. R. Watkinson Minister of the Gospel

Hon. S. P. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury _____

Under date of November 20, 1861, the Secretary of the Treasury addressed the following letter to the Director of the Mint:

Treasury Department, Nov. 20, 1861

Dear Sir:

No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins. You will cause a device to be prepared without unnecessary delay with a motto expressing in the fewest and tersest words possible this national recognition.

Yours truly, (Sgd.) S. P. Chase

James Pollock, Esq., Director of the Mint, Philadelphia, PA _____

It was found that the Act of January 18, 1837, prescribed the mottoes and devices that should be placed upon the coins of the United States, so that nothing could be done without legislation.

In December 1863, the Director of the Mint submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for approval designs for new one, two, and three-cent pieces, on which it was proposed that one of the following mottoes should appear: "Our country; our God"; "God, our Trust".

The Secretary of the Treasury, in a letter addressed to the Director of the Mint, under date of December 9, 1863, uses the following language:

I approve your mottoes, only suggesting that on that with the Washington obverse the motto should begin with word "Our", so as to read: "Our God and our country". And on that with the shield, it should be changed so as to read: "In God we trust"

An Act was passed April 22, 1864, changing the composition of the one-cent piece and authorizing the coinage of the two-cent piece, the devices of which were to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, and it is upon the two-cent bronze piece that the motto "In God we trust" first appears.

The Act of March 3, 1865, provided that in addition to the legend and devices on the gold and silver coins of the United States, it should be lawful for the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to place the motto "In God we trust" on such coins as shall admit of the inscription thereon. Under this Act, the motto was placed upon the double eagle, eagle, and half eagle, and also upon the dollar, half and quarter dollars in 1866.

The Coinage Act of February 12, 1873 provided that the Secretary of the Treasury may cause the motto "In God we trust" to be inscribed on such coins as shall admit of such motto.

When the double eagle and eagle of new design appeared in 1907, it was soon discovered that the religious motto had been omitted. In response to a general demand, Congress ordered it restored, and the Act of May 18, 1908, made mandatory its

appearance upon all coins upon which it had heretofore appeared. The motto appears on all gold and silver coins struck since July 1, 1908, with the exception of certain dimes. It was not mandatory upon the cent and five-cent coins, but could be placed thereon by the Secretary of the Treasury, or the Director of the Mint with the Secretary's approval.

The Act approved July 11, 1955, makes appearance of the motto "In God We Trust" mandatory upon all coins of the United States.

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Bethlehem, PA 18018
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Bethlehem, PA 18018
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2nd Tuesday 7:30 PM
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Schoenersville Rd
Bethlehem, PA 18017

--Chambersburg

FRIENDLY COIN CLUB
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Chambersburg, PA 17201

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498 Lincoln Wy W
Chambersburg, PA 17201
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1st Thursday 8 PM
Recreation Center
S 3rd St
Chambersburg, PA 17201
Specialties: 009, 038, 043

--East Stroudsburg

MONROE COUNTY COIN CLUB
Pocono S&C Rt 7 Box 7309
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Herman Sibum
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East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
717-421-1860

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East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

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--Etters

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Etters, PA

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Glenshaw, PA 15116
412-487-2379

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Univ of Pittsburgh, PA 15260

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Greensburg, PA 15601

David Grandey
28 Madison Ave
Greensburg, PA 15601
412-834-8940

David Grandey*
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Greensburg, PA 15601

2nd Monday 7 PM
Greengate Mall Comm Rm
Route 30 West
Greensburg, PA 15601
Specialties: 006, 022, 034

--Hanover

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23 Glendale St
Hanover, PA 17331

Woody Martz
70 Raber Rd
New Oxford, PA 17350

William Millar*
4960 York Rd
New Oxford, PA 17350

--Huntingdon Valley

PENNIES GALORE
3165 Oak Dr
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

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3165 Oak Dr
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Attn: Rep*
3165 Oak Dr
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

--Indiana

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PO Box 1441
Indiana, PA 15701-5441

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72 Walcott St
Clymer, PA 15728
412-254-2471

John F Busovicki*
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Clymer, PA 15728-1230
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1st Wednesday 7:30PM
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1545 Wayne Ave/Rte 119 S
Indiana, PA 15701-5441

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Specialties: 042, 044

--Lebanon

LEBANON VALLEY COIN CLUB INC
PO Box 582
Lebanon, PA 17042

Sedgwick Kern
118 Guilford St
Lebanon, PA 17042
717-273-1905

4th Monday 7:30 PM
Lebanon Community Library
7th & Willow St

--Malvern

ORIGINAL HOBO NICKEL SOCIETY
PO Box 43
Malvern, PA 19355

Gail Kraljevich
PO Box 93
Malvern, PA 19355
610-469-4647

James Taylor*
818 N Cascade Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80917-3279
719-632-2646

FUN Convention
Florida
Specialties: 019

--Meadville

MEADVILLE COIN CLUB
660 Ellis Ave
Meadville, PA 16335

Ronald L Rushton
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Meadville, PA 16335

--Palmyra

HERSHEY COIN CLUB INC
313 West Main St
Palmyra, PA 17078

Attn: Sec
313 West Main St
Palmyra, PA 17078

Attn: Rep*
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Palmyra, PA 17078

--Paoli

GREAT EASTERN NUMIS ASSN GENA
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Paoli, PA 19301

Edward Smith
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Ledgewood, NJ 07416
201-584-4446

William H Horton Jr*
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--Philadelphia

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Annually
Variable
Specialties: 002, 011, 023

ROXBOROUGH COIN CLUB
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Robert Niemeyer
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Philadelphia, PA 19129
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1st Wednesday 7:30 PM
Rox/Mana Fed Savings Bank
Ridge & Lyceum Avenues
Philadelphia, PA 19128
Specialties: 031, 037, 038

SOUVENIR CARD COLLECTORS SOC
1923 Manning St
Philadelphia, PA 19103-5728

William V Kriebel
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William V Kriebel*
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Pgh, PA 15227

8:00 PM
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Pittsburgh, PA

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R Morris
412-471-4150

Chester Trzcinski*
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Wayne Homren
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Pittsburgh, PA 15222-9998
412-642-6900

John Burns*
PO Box 23404
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1st Tuesday/month 8:00 pm
Downtown Pittsburgh

--Ridgway

TRI-COUNTY COIN CLUB
PO Box 622
Ridgway, PA 15853

David Lombardo
PO Box 622
Ridgway, PA 15853

Attn Rep*
PO Box 622
Ridgway, PA 15853

--Shillington

DANIEL BOONE COIN CLUB
PO Box 131
Shillington, PA 19607

Shirley Bailey
RFD 2073
Fleetwood, PA 19522
215-944-7827

John Eshbach*
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Reading, PA 19607

1st & 3rd Tuesday 8:00 PM
Lincoln Pk Fire Co Hall
Fritztown Rd & Newkirk Ave
Reading, PA 19607

--Shippensburg

SHIPPENSBURG COIN CLUB
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Mary L Fisher
565 Nelson Ave
Chambersburg, PA 17201

J Merle Kauffman*
468 Paul Ave
Chambersburg, PA 17201

--State College

CENTRE COIN CLUB
378 Bradley Ave
State College, PA 16801

Thomas E Daubert
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State College, PA 16801

Elliot Abrams*
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State College, PA 16801

--Stroudsburg

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Stroudsburg, PA 18360-0501

E T Wolverton
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PO Box 501
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Annually at ANA conv
Specialties: 042

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ALLEGHENY-KISKI VALLEY NUM SOC
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Tarentum, PA 15084

Charles Culleton
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Tarentum, PA 15084
412-226-2465

Charles Culleton*
431 West 9th St

Tarentum, PA 15084
412-226-2465

2nd Thursday 8:00 PM
Grace Community Church
2751 Grant St
Lower Burrell, PA 15068
Specialties: 002, 012, 038

--Waynesboro

WAYNESBORO COIN CLUB INC
Box 425
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Lee Ridenour
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Hagerstown, MD 21740
717-762-1972

Lee Ridenour*
Waynesboro Coin Club Box 425
Waynesboro, PA 17268

Monthly 8:00 PM
Citizens National Bank Rm
Waynesboro, PA
Specialties: 035, 036, 039

--West Chester

AMER MEDALLIC SCULPTURE ASSN
Everhart II/1047 Neils Ln W
West Chester, PA 19382

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1047 Neils Ln W
West Chester, PA 19382

--Westchester

WESTCHESTER COIN CLUB
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Ben Haegle
35 Wall St Rd #3
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-948-7176

Abigail Kraljevich*
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Malvern, PA 19355
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3rd Monday/month 7:30 pm
Westchester, PA
Specialties: 044

--Williamsport

WILLIAMSPORT AREA NUMIS SOC
R Stick/PO Box 3391
Williamsport, PA 17701

Timothy Stick
PO Box 3391
Williamsport, PA 17701
717-323-7695

Robert G Rechel*
801 Hepburn St
Williamsport, PA 17701

3rd Thursday
St Luke Lutheran Church
1400 Market St
Williamsport, PA 17701

--Woodlyn

DELAWARE COUNTY COIN CLUB
143 Taylor Ave
Woodlyn, PA 19094

Walter Hoffman
143 Taylor Ave
Woodlyn, PA 19094

Walter T Hoffman Jr*

143 Taylor Ave
Woodlyn, PA 19094

1st Wednesday 7:30 pm
Ridley Community Center
Morton Ave & Mac Dade Blvd
Folsom, PA
Specialties: 028, 034

--Wynnewood

MAIN LINE COIN CLUB
231 Haverford Rd
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Henry B Harbage
231 Haverford Rd
Wynnewood, PA 19096
215-642-6136

Henry B Harbage*
317 S Manoa Rd
Havertown, PA 19083

8:00 PM
N Slook Amer Legion Post
Wanalyn & Grasslyn Avenues
Oakmont, PA 19083
Specialties: 034

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB
231 Haverford Rd
Wynnewood, PA 19096

Henry B Harbage
231 Haverford Rd
Wynnewood, PA 19096
215-642-6136

Henry B Harbage*
231 Haverford Rd
Wynnewood, PA 19096
610-642-6136

Monthly 8:00 pm
Ardmore United Methodist
200 Argyle Rd
Ardmore, PA
Specialties: 034, 041

--York

YORK COIN CLUB
1295 Toann Rd
York, PA 17403

Attn: Sec
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, April 6, 1999

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Carnegie Museum Annex
5800 Baum Blvd

Program: "Chinese Coinage" by John Burns

March Meeting: A total of 9 members and 2 guests attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by president Ted Shiff.

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: Income: \$65 Expenses \$162.86 Balances: Checking \$1394.84 Savings:
\$1589.70 Life Fund: \$750 Regular Fund Savings \$839.70 Total Regular Fund \$2234.54

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Committees: One encased coin added to the Allegheny Project book.

Old Business: None

New Business: A page is being prepared by Larry Dziubek for the WPNS web site that will show the five WPNS medals—1878, 1879, 1928, 1963, 1978.

Ted Shiff informed the membership that he is now selling a CD for \$8.00 that contains all the numismatic material that is currently displayed on his web site. To transfer the approximately 1700 photos of tokens, coins, and medals to a PC will take much less time than transferring the pictures from the Internet.

Paul Schultz, a guest from Murrysville, explained his interest in coin collecting.

The program was provided by Ed Krivoniak on "Coins Not Listed in Catalogues." Ed's specialized collection of unlisted foreign coins consists of coins that are either mis-attributed or simply not listed in any of the standard reference catalogues. He has tried, on several occasions, to have some of the coins included in the reference books, but has not been successful. Included in the presentation were certain Swedish coins that are not listed in either Krause or the Swedish catalogues. These coins were minted specifically for the banks. Also unlisted are Proclamation medals that once circulated as coins in Costa Rica, Columbia, Peru, Bolivia, El Salvador, and Guatemala. Coins minted in Brazil in 1901 are also not included in any of the reference books. Ed passed around examples of all the coins that were covered in the presentation.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 4-4-99

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. <i>Cory Gribble</i>	1. Paul Schultz	
2. <i>Jerry Welch</i>	2.	
3. <i>Chuck Erb</i>	3.	
4. <i>D. Dactano</i>	4.	
5. <i>Ed Sly</i>	5.	
6. <i>John H. Burns</i>	6.	
7. <i>Charles Cullerton</i>	7.	Blairsville Script 12 Bank of Pitt 1862
8. <i>Arleen Chesnus</i>	8.	
9. <i>Henry Calbow</i>	9.	
10. <i>Wayne Hammen</i>	10.	\$10 Bank of the U.S. / P. Hsbuagh note Jan 1831
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 1999

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Lycos Office

(See attached map for directions)

Program: "Coins Not Listed in Catalogues" by Ed Krivoniak

February Meeting: A total of 13 members were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by president Ted Shiff.

The minutes were read and approved after one correction. (The name of the gentleman who invented the machine used to letter the edges of coins was Castaing instead of Castling.)

There was no treasurer's report. Wayne Homren will visit Mrs. Groninger this week to pick-up the treasurer's books

Correspondence: There was no correspondence. Wayne Homren reported that he will no longer be able to pick-up the mail from the WPNS post office box. Larry Dziubek agreed to stop at the post office at least once a month.

Committees: Bill Hunter reported on the work he has been doing on the Allegheny token survey. Photos of the tokens and other information were presented to Wayne for storage in the WPNS files.

Old Business: Wayne has received permission to hold the WPNS meetings in the Lycos Offices at Center and Morewood Avenues beginning with the March meeting. (see enclosed map).

New Business: We received a letter from Paul Schultz, a resident of Murrysville, for information on WPNS. Paul learned of the club from the flyers that were distributed at the last PAN Show. Dick Gaetano reported on a new encased coin from Kramer Brothers Freight Lines, Pittsburgh
Ted Shiff reported on the FUN Show and a few of the new specialized books on U. S. coins.

The program was provided by Rich Crosby on "Lincoln in Numismatics". Rich described the obverse and reverse features of 57 different Lincoln election medals that were on display. There were 18 medals from the 1860 election, 19 medals from the 1864 election, 14 ferrotypes from 1860, and 6 ferrotypes from 1864. Also including in the presentation was information on the metallic composition, the size of the tokens, and the company that produced the medals.

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Wayne Homren Residence

(See attached map for directions)

Program: "Lincoln in Numismatics" by Richard Crosby

January's Meeting: A total of 10 members attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by vice president Dick Gaetano.

The minutes were read and approved after one correction. The date of the Americus Republican

Club medal that was described in last month's program was corrected from 1894 to 1896.

There was no treasurer's report. Wayne Homren has not yet received the books from Mrs. Groninger.

Correspondence: The club received catalogs from several coin dealers. We also received a letter from a World Currency collector in Mexico who wanted to know what help our organization could provide if he joined WPNS. We agreed to sent him information on the National Currency of Allegheny County book and on the WPNS web site.

Old Business: None

New Business: Since Wayne Homren recently quit his job to work for Lycos, we will need a new meeting site. Wayne is checking on several options and offered to hold next month's meeting at his home. This will provide the members an opportunity to see Wayne's numismatic library.

Dick Gaetano asked for copies of the WPNS flyer that was prepared for the PAN Coin Show for distribution at the South Hills Coin Show in February.

It was suggested that we add the club's web site address to the WPNS stationary.

Wayne gave a short demonstration of the latest WPNS web page. A number of programs that had been given at WPNS meetings have been added to the WPNS web site.

The program was provided by Charles Erb on "Double and Triple Edges on Bust Halves" Chuck gave a short biography on Jean Castling, a Frenchman, who around 1689 invented a simple, reliable machine for lettering the edges of coins. A copy of an article from The Numismatist, describing the Castling machine, plus some of his more serious problems in getting the machine accepted by the French government, was distributed to the members. The machine was eventually used to letter the edges of coins in France, England and the United States. Bust halves up to the year 1836 had the words FIFTY CENTS OR A HALF DOLLAR on the edge of the coin. Chuck also passed around a number of bust halves with double and triple edge lettering, missing words and letters, inverted letters, and lettering on the edge of a reeded coin.

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, January 5, 1999

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Carnegie Group Meeting Room

3rd Floor, 5 P.P.G. Place, Gateway Center

Gather after 7:00, Rotating Security Entrance

Program: Double & Triple Edges on Bust Halves, by Charles Erb

December's Meeting: A total of 12 members and 2 guests attended the meeting. A moment of silence was held at the start of the meeting in memory of James Groninger who passed away on November 21.

There was no treasurers report as Jim Groninger was the current treasurer. Wayne Homren agreed to serve the remainder of Jim's term.

Old Business: Handouts were prepared for the October PAN Coin Show to try to encourage other collectors to join WPNS. No phone calls have been received.

New Business: Tom Fort reported that there is now an excellent grading guide on the Internet for ancient coins. <http://www.geocities.com/~dougsmi/index.html>
The pictures will take several minutes to download, but are well worth the wait.

The program was provided by Larry Dziubek on the Americus Republicus Club of Pittsburgh. Several years ago, Larry purchased a medal that had been produced by the Americus Republicus Club. He later discovered a scrap book at the Oakland Western PA Historical Society that contained a large number of newspaper articles on John Dalzell. Mr. Dalzell was a local politician and a prominent member of the Americus Club. The club was founded in 1884 and held its annual dinner at the Monongahela House on April 27 in honor of the birthday of U. S. Grant. The medal was distributed to all of the 324 guests at the 10th annual dinner in 1894. The following year, a solid silver match box was presented to all of the attendees. And in 1896, at the 12th annual dinner, a sterling silver spoon with Grant's portrait was presented to the guests. In 1899, the dinner was postponed until the evening of April 29 to allow members to attend the dedication ceremonies of Grant's tomb in New York. Shortly before the guests arrived on April 29, a photographer accidentally started a fire that caused considerable damage to the ballroom. Within two hours, a team of 40-50 women had cleaned the room and the festivities proceeded as planned. The club may have disbanded a year or two later.

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DATE: 1-5-1999

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2. <i>Chuck E. Ert</i>	2.	
3. <i>W.D. W. B. E.</i>	3.	
4. <i>Doug. Baetgens</i>	4.	
5. <i>Robert Giedy</i>	5.	
6. <i>Carlton Chesonis</i>	6.	
7. <i>Charles Culleton</i>	7.	
8. <i>John W. Burns</i>	8.	
9. <i>Wayne K. Hansen</i>	9.	WPNS web site updates
10. <i>Ed Kravonick</i>	10.	MISC. U.S. TOKENS + MEDALS
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 1998

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Carnegie Group Meeting Room

3rd Floor, 5 P.P.G. Place, Gateway Center

Gather after 7:00, Rotating Security Entrance

Program: Americus Republican Club by Larry Dziubek

November Meeting: A total of 26 members and guests attended the annual banquet at Chesterfield's Restaurant in Irwin, PA

The program was provided by Emil Dern, a local autograph collector. Mr. Dern started his collection during World War II while stationed at an army base near Los Angeles. Many early autographs were of movie stars. His collection has now expanded to approximately 80,000 autographs. Included are nearly every world famous political, literary, aviation and space, sports, music, art, science and entertainment figure. His slide presentation and entertaining comments were enjoyed by all.

On Saturday, November 21, one of the club's most active members, James Groninger passed away. Mr. Groninger, a noted expert on the coinage and literature of the Netherlands' province of Groninger, was the current club treasurer and for many years served as both the organizer and chairman of our summer outings. For most WPNS members, Jim was not only a great numismatist, but also a close friend, and his presence at our monthly meetings will be sorely missed.

W. P. N. S. MEETING OF Dec 1 1998

MEMBERS

GUESTS

Charles Culleton

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Larry E. Gribel

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Larry Korchurak

Alfred Gaetano

Richard Crosby

Jerry Veeck

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Mary Calhoun

Cory Costo

Assorted coins & medals (incl Bicent-platinum medal)

1910 Plh Blue Book

MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 1998
Annual Banquet
Chesterfields Restaurant
12119 Route 30 North Huntington (Irwin)
Approximately 5 miles form Route 48 intersection.
Menu: Prime Rib \$22
 Chicken Wellington \$20
 Stuffed Flounder \$22
Telephone Ted Shiff for reservations 412 531 3100
Time: Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:30
Program: Autographs by Emil Dunn, McKeesport

In attendance were twelve members and one guest.
The minutes were read and approved.
There was no treasurer's report.
There was no correspondence or special committee reports.

Business:

Wayne Homren reported about two dozen slides had been transferred to a CD for use on the WPNS Web page. The WPNS Web site address is: http://www.money.org/club_wpns
Additional containers will be purchased to preserve WPNS records which are presently being stored in Wayne's basement..

It was agreed that a form be prepared for the upcoming PAN Coin Show to encourage membership in WPNS.

Members who arrive late can call (412) 642-6811 Ext. 229 or contact the guard in PPG 1 to gain entrance to the building.

The program for the evening was presented by Jim Groninger on "Gerard van Loon-- Numismatic Historian". Gerard van Loon, a Dutch lawyer, who lived from 1683 to 1758, wrote a number of books and manuscripts pertaining to numismatics, including an exceptional four volume treatise on Dutch medals. These four volumes are still considered to be the standard reference guide for early Dutch medals. Included are medals that were produced from 1555, when Charles V abdicated and his son Philip II started his reign, until 1718 when the southern provinces of the Netherlands (later Belgium) were turned over to the Hapsburgs. The books include all medals that were produced by the Dutch, as well as medals that were prepared by other European countries having the Netherlands as the subject. About 1000 copies of the four books were printed in either Dutch or French. The four volumes were translated into English by Dr. Robert Turfboer who worked on the project from 1994 to 1998.

Jim also displayed a copy of the English translation of van Loon's "Contemporary Numismatics" a very informative narrative on the subject of coin collecting..

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

P.O. Box 23404, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-9998



MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Carnegie Group Meeting Room

3rd Floor, 5 P.P.G. Place, Gateway Center

Gather after 7:00, Rotating Security Entrance

**Program: "Gerard van Loon - Numismatic Historian" by Jim Groninger
(Bring any Dutch medals you own for ID or research)**

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2432.62. This included the \$500 that had been transferred from checking for a new CD.

There was no correspondence or special committee reports.

Business

A letter was read from Wayne Homren reporting that boxes had been purchased to preserve the early club records. Two or three additional boxes will be needed. Wayne made a motion that \$100 be used to digitize slide pictures for the WPNS web site. Motion approved. Wayne also reported that the problem with the web site has been corrected.

http://www.money.org/club_wpns.

The program for the evening was presented by Skip Culleiton on "Determining the Composition of Coins, Tokens, and Medals." The members were first asked to try to identify the composition of ten objects- one U. S. coin and nine communion tokens. He then gave a brief history of the early development of the five metallic elements that occur in the pure form in nature--gold, copper, iron, silver, and platinum. Skip then explained various physical and chemical procedures that can be used to determine the composition. Specific gravity (density) is the easiest and cheapest procedure, but it can not be used when working with alloys. Wet chemical analysis, where a small part of the specimen is dissolved in acid and the composition determined by old classical procedures or by newer instrumentation, such as atomic absorption, give much more reliable results. Unfortunately these procedures destroy a portion of the object. The most recent procedures include various forms of spectroscopic analysis. X-ray diffraction was the one used to determine the composition of the ten test coins and tokens. These methods are very quick, sensitive, and cause no damage to the specimen. The disadvantages of these procedures is the extremely high cost for the equipment and most of these only provide the surface composition.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: OCT 6, 1998

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Larry Zuehl	1. Mary Calbarn	
2. Jim Brown	2.	Van Loan books & translation
3. Eileen Kaminsky	3.	
4. Bert Colborn	4.	
5. Charles Culbertson	5.	
6. John H. Burm	6.	
7. Wayne Hansen	7.	Fold bank on Pot. etc. Civil War Tokens & photos, pins plates
8. Dick Hartano	8.	
9. Richard Gudy	9.	Medals & Ginkeli Soap
10. Ed Kinnick	10.	
11. Jerry Vesak	11.	
12. Ed Skiff	12.	Tokens/coins
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 1998

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Carnegie Group Meeting Room
3rd Floor, 5 P.P.G. Place, Gateway Center
Gather after 7:00, Rotating Security Entrance

Program: "Determining the Composition of Coins" by Skip Culleton

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2131.17 in checking and \$1025.20 in the CD. The motion to transfer \$1000 from checking to a six month CD made at the July meeting was lowered to \$500 to maintain a balance of \$1000 in the checking account thus avoiding the payment of penalties. Correspondence was received from the ANA for club information and to be a sponsor for the upcoming show.

Business.

Four additional members volunteered to provide a program in 1998-99. One more program is needed. Dick Gaetano will contact other members to provide the final program.

A lengthy discussion followed on the W.P.N.S. web site. Additional information will be provided for the web site by Ted Shiff who will scan the W.P.N.S. medals and Skip Culleton who will review and scan written copies of previous club presentations.

The program for the evening was presented by Dick Gaetano on The Pony Express. Dick became interested in the Pony Express during a western family vacation in 1948. The pony express lasted for only 18 months, from April 1860 until November 1861. Beginning at St. Joseph, Missouri it followed the Oregon Trail to Sacramento, CA then by boat to San Francisco, a distance of over 1900 miles. Delivery by stage coach took two to three weeks, by Pony Express not more than ten days. Fearing that California might enter the Civil War on the side of the Confederacy, the U. S. government awarded the contract to Russell, Majors, and Waddell. Dick had a nice display of Pony Express medals, tokens, silver bars, belt buckles, stamps and first day covers.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: _____

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Charles Cullerton	1.	
2. Gary Humbel	2.	
3. Richard Goherty	3.	
4. Dick Walshaw	4.	
5. Jerry Weeck	5.	
6. J. H. H. H.	6.	
7. Allen Kunkin	7.	
8. Colleen Chesonis	8.	
9. Jim Downing	9.	
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WPNS NOTES

Wayne Homren
September 1, 1998

1. Sorry I missed the meeting! See you next month.
2. I've typeset the WPNS program guide - it's ready for the printer.
3. Six plastic storage boxes have been purchased for the society archives. Most of the archives have been reviewed and repacked in the new boxes.
4. Three or more additional boxes will be needed. At least two of these will need to be long and wide enough to accommodate oversize materials.
5. While reviewing the archives, many copies of written programs were collected, dating back to the 1940's. Some of these are bound into volumes. These will be lent to Skip Culleton, who will review them and recommend a subset of programs for addition to the WPNS web site.
6. At another meeting I'll bring in a box of items I recommend "deaccessioning" from the archives, mostly old bank statements.
7. The web site is up and running again. Thanks for Larry Dziubek for discovering the problem, which occurred when the ANA moved their files to a new server. The address is http://www.money.org/club_wpns.html
8. Larry will provide a number of slides of WPNS medals and Pittsburgh Civil War tokens. I'll have these processed onto a Kodak Color-CD. If the pictures look OK on the web, we'll continue with another batch. The cost will be about \$1 per picture.
9. MOTION: Wayne Homren is authorized to spend up to \$100 to process photos for the WPNS web site. (NOTE: this will be used mainly for getting illustrations of coins where we already have a slide but not ready access to the coin or coin photos for scanning)
10. If the medal pictures don't come out OK, I'll lend my WPNS medal collection to Ted Shiff and he'll scan them in for us.
11. I have a new computer and color scanner at home - this will help with web site development.

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Carnegie Group Meeting Room

3rd Floor, 5 P.P.G. Place, Gateway Center

Gather after 7:00, Rotating Security Entrance

Program: The Pony Express by Richard Gaetano

The minutes were read and approved after Richard Crosby's name was added to the new slate of officers as correspondence secretary.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2122.60 (checking) and \$1025.20 (CD).

A motion was passed to transfer \$1000 from the checking account into a six month CD.

A letter was received from France along with a two-page review from the French Paper Money Society's Journal on the WPNS book on the Bank Notes of Allegheny County. The review was quite complementary.

Dick Gaetano asked the membership to provide programs for the 1998-1999 schedule. Five additional programs are needed

The president urged the membership to try to recruit new members as only eight members were in attendance.

The program for the evening was provided by Corleen Chesonis who spoke on "My Favorite Metal--Aluminum." Corleen recounted the early history of aluminum which was not produced in any significant amounts until the 1850's when the metal was selling at \$550 a pound. Production rapidly increased after Hall in the United States and Heroult in France developed a process that separated the metal from its ore, alumina. By 1890, the price of aluminum had decreased to \$8.00 per located on Smallman Street in Pittsburgh with men like Alfred Hunt, George Clapp and the Mellons providing financial support. Corleen's display included a Greenland cryolite token, New Kensington postcards, and aluminum medals from the 1892 Worlds Fair, the Union Pacific RR, plus safety and production medals from Alcoa plants.

**Auction Lots Sold at the June, 1998 Business Meeting of
the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society**

June 2, 1998

Lot No.	Description	Metal	Grade	Est.	Sell	Who
1	American-Canadian Numismatic Association Convention Medal, 1962 - Detroit, MI	Bronze	UNC	15	3	Dziubek
2	ANA Convention Badge, 1947 - Buffalo, NY	White Metal	AU	50	50	Honren
3	ANA Convention Badge, 1957 - Philadelphia, PA	Bronze	UNC	25	15	Carlucci
4	ANA Convention Badge, 1962 - Detroit, MI	Bronze	XF	15	5	Carlucci
5	ANA Convention Badge, 1964 - Cleveland, OH	Bronze	UNC	15	5	Carlucci
6	ANA Convention Badge, 1964 - Cleveland, OH (another example)	Bronze	UNC	10	3	Gaetano
7	ANA Convention Badge, 1966 - Chicago, IL	Bronze	AU	10	6	Honren
8	ANA Convention Badge, 1969 - Philadelphia, PA	Bronze	UNC	10	5	Carlucci
9	ANA Diamond Jubilee Medal, 1966	Bronze	UNC	15	7	Gaetano
10	ANA Diamond Jubilee Medal, 1966 (another example)	Bronze	UNC	15	6	Dziubek
11	Central States Numismatic Society convention badge, 1956 - Indianapolis, IN	Brass	UNC	50	45	Carlucci
12	Metropolitan New York Numismatic Association, 1966 (Medallic Art Co)	Bronze	UNC	10	6	Honren
13	Metropolitan New York Numismatic Convention, 1967	Brass	UNC	10	10	Honren
14	U S MINT, Eva Adams, Director of the Mint, 1961 (Gasparro/Iacocca)	Bronze	UNC	25	7	Shiff
15	U S MINT, Eva Adams, Director of the Mint (Gilroy Roberts)	Bronze	UNC	25	8	Crosby
16	WPNS Centennial Medal, 1978	Bronze	UNC	3	3	Shiff
17	WPNS Centennial Medal, 1978	Silver	UNC	40	35	Carlucci
18	WPNS Centennial Medal, 1978 (another example)	Silver	UNC	40	32	Culleiton
19	WPNS Centennial Medal, 1978 47.5 gr / 30.45 dwt / 1.525 oz. 18kt gold = 1.145 oz pure gold	Gold	UNC	400	400	Carlucci
20	W W Woodside WPNS Centennial token	Brass	UNC	10	7	Carlucci
21	misc lot - two mint token/first day covers 1967, two "Borough of Freedom Centennial badges, 1932	Mixed		20	13	Dziubek
22	misc lot - Wooden nickel (New Castle show, 1971), Antique Car token, Alaska Statehood Souvenir token, 1939 World's Fair token	Mixed		30	5	Shiff
23	Battle of London Medal	White Metal	UNC	10	9	Crosby
24	ANA Convention Badge, 1961 - Atlanta, GA	Bronze	AU	10	7	Honren
	TOTAL			863	692	

Auction lots donated by Sarann Sloss
Catalog written by Wayne Honren
Lots called by Wayne Honren
Sales recorded by Larry Dziubek

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: AUG. 1998

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Larry Gribble	1.	
2. Jerry Gieck	2.	
3. D. Gaetano	3.	Pony Express Medals
4. John H. Burns	4.	
5. John H. Burns	5.	
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7. John H. Burns	7.	
8. Ted Stiff	8.	SLABS
9. Charles Cullerton	9.	
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P.O. Box 23404, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-9998



July 20, 1998

Sarann B. Sloss
110 Cox Mill Court
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Dear Mrs. Sloss::

On behalf of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society,
I would like to thank you once again for your generous donation
of a collection of numismatic organization medals and badges.
Per your wishes, the items were auctioned at a recent meeting
and the proceeds (totalling \$692.00) were deposited in our
treasury.

The funds will go a long way to help further our goals
of numismatic publication and education. Some of the money
has already been earmarked to purchase preservation and
archival storage materials for our extensive archives.
Enclosed is a detailed account of the auction for your
records.

Sincerely,

Wayne K. Homren

Wayne K. Homren
Curator

1.	\$3 ⁸	L.D ZIUBEK
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3.	15 ⁸	Conlucci
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6.	3 ⁸	Goetano
7.	6 ⁸	Wayne
8.	5 ⁸	Conlucci
9.	7 ⁸	Goetano
10.	6 ⁸	L.D ZIUBEK
11.	45 ⁸	Conlucci
12.	6 ⁸	Wayne
13.	10 ⁸	Wayne
14.	7 ⁸	Shiff
15.	8 ⁸	Crosby
16.	3 ⁸	Shiff
17.	35 ⁸	Conlucci
18.	32 ⁸	Culleiton
19.	400 ⁸	Conlucci
20.	7 ⁸	Conlucci
21.	13 ⁸	L.D ZIUBEK
22.	5 ⁸	Shiff
23.	9 ⁸	Crosby
24.	7 ⁸	Wayne

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 7/7/98

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. CHARLES COLLETON	1.	
2. R. GAGTANO	2.	
3. T. Shiff	3.	
4. Larry Grubbs	4.	
5. Peter G. Kelly	5.	
6. Chuck Galt	6.	
7. (as seen) Chas. C.	7.	
8. John H. Burns	8.	
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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
1997-1998 Treasurer's Report

As of June 30, 1998, the balance on deposit with Allegheny Valley Bank was \$2,123.60 in an interest bearing checking account and \$1,025.20 in a one year certificate of deposit. Combined balances were \$3,148.80, compared to the preceeding year's balance of \$2,458.23. \$750 was held in the life membership fund for both periods.

Membership in the Society as of June 30, 1998 was 29, a decline of one from the preceeding year due to non-pyament of dues.

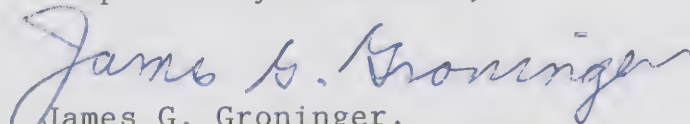
Other assets of the Society include a number of books, journals and medals, the exact number of each is not presently known. The Treasurer suggests that the custodians of such Society assets submit a brief inventory of same annually as of June 30 so that they may be included in the annual report. Club photographs which remain unsold were transferred to the curator for selective retention.

The statement of income and expenses for the period is set forth below:

INCOME		Expenses	
Dues	170	Postage	184.69
Sale of books	49.90	P.O. box rent	60.00
Interest	51.65	Program prinying	31.27
Auction proceeds	692.00		
Dinner profit	9.67		
Totals	\$973.22		\$275.95

The year's activity was improved due to increased interest on deposits and the absence of bank service charges. Dues collection was very good, as a number of delinquent members have now paid up, but comparison with last year's due collection is not accurate because we began collecting the 1998-99 dues in May instead of June. Expenses for donations and memorial gifts were not required in the period. The most signifigant aspect of the past fiscal year was the donation by Mrs. Sloss of her late husband's WPNS and other numismatic material, which were auctioned in June for a total of \$692.00.

Respectfully submitted,


James G. Groninger,
Treasurer

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 1998

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Carnegie Group Meeting Room

3rd Floor, 5 P.P.G. Place, Gateway Center

Gather after 7:00, Rotating Security Entrance

Program: The Pony Express by Richard Gaetano

The minutes were read and approved after Richard Crosby's name was added to the new slate of officers as correspondence secretary.

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A motion was passed to transfer \$1000 from the checking account into a six month CD.

A letter was received from France along with a two-page review from the French Paper Money Society's Journal on the WPNS book on the Bank Notes of Allegheny County. The review was quite complementary.

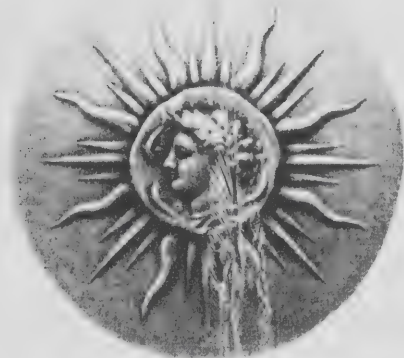
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 1998

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: Carnegie Group Meeting Room

3rd Floor, 5 P. P. G. Place, Gateway Center

Gather after 7:00, Rotating Security Entrance

**PROGRAM:....." Our Favorite Metal ".....Corleen Chesonis
& Charles Culleiton**

The slate was elected as nominated, and Skip Culleiton volunteered to do the Secretary job for at least one year. Thank you for stepping forward. Plan now to assist these people by bringing a potential member to a meeting, and consider doing a "real" numismatic program that adds to our knowledge. Dues are due for 1998.

Pres.	Ted Shiff
V-P	Dick Gaetano
Sect.	Charles Culleiton
Treas.	James Groninger
Curator	Wayne Homren

Thanks to Sarann Sloss, our auction was a success. The 24 lots grossed a total of \$ 692.00 for our treasury. This prompted us to authorize the curator to purchase up to \$ 200.00 in archival storage materials to preserve our early documents.

By the time you read this notice the W.P.N.S. website should be up and running on the ANA internet location, together with the PAN page. Perhaps we can discuss the additional use of the internet for club purposes?

SHOWS:

Sunday, June 21 Pittsburgh Greentree Marriott 10:00 to 3:00

June 27 P.N.S. Picnic at the usual Penn Hills park

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: Allegheny Bldg., 429 Forbes Ave., 7th Floor

PROGRAM:....."Hen's Teeth Tokens".....Larry Dziubek

Wayne Homren has checked out the Allegheny Project disk of tokens, etc. and he has also made a printed copy of the items contained. It was suggested that we consider the publishing of these items in some fashion on the Internet in lieu of the cost of book printing. Any ideas on form of presentation?

Congratulations to Don Carlucci for his being named to the Commission to select the design for the Pennsylvania Commemorative Quarter. Since he will be the only numismatist on the panel, he will have a difficult job steering the group in the right direction for our mutual pride and satisfaction.

SHOWS:

March 8 Holiday Inn Coin Show I-70 & Rt. 51 Belle Vernon, Pa.

.....**March 8 Castle Shannon Fire Hall Rt. 88 8:00am to 3:00pm**

.....**March 14-15 Indiana Coin Club, Best Western Inn, Indiana**

.....**March 13-15 Warrensville Heights Coin Club, at the Holiday Inn, I-71 & Route 82, Strongsville, \$2.00 Admission**

.....**March 22 Kenny's Show, VFW Lodge, Route 56, two miles east of New Kensington (Lower Burrell)**

.....**March 19-21, 1998 ANA Winter Show in Cincinnati, Ohio**

Headquarters at: Hyatt Regency on 151-West 5th Street

April 4-5 Central PA Numis. Assoc. Farm & Home Center, Rt.72 off Rt. 30, Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

May 8-10 PAN Coin Show, Rt.22, Expo Mart, Monroeville, PA.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: _____

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Charles Culleton	1. Mary Calbern	
2. Charles N. Erb	2. Paul Schultz	
3. Ed K... ..	3.	Preservation Coins
4. Harry Calbern	4.	
5. Larry E... ..	5.	
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FEBRUARY 1999

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http://www.money.org/club_wpns

MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Wayne Homren Residence

(See attached map for directions)

Program: "Lincoln in Numismatics" by Richard Crosby

January's Meeting: A total of 10 members attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by vice president Dick Gaetano.

The minutes were read and approved after one correction. The date of the Americus Republican Club medal that was described in last month's program was corrected from 1894 to 1896.

There was no treasurer's report. Wayne Homren has not yet received the books from Mrs. Groninger.

Correspondence: The club received catalogs from several coin dealers. We also received a letter from a World Currency collector in Mexico who wanted to know what help our organization could provide if he joined WPNS. We agreed to sent him information on the National Currency of Allegheny County book and on the WPNS web site.

Old Business: None

New Business: Since Wayne Homren recently quit his job to work for Lycos, we will need a new meeting site. Wayne is checking on several options and offered to hold next month's meeting at his home. This will provide the members an opportunity to see Wayne's numismatic library. Dick Gaetano asked for copies of the WPNS flyer that was prepared for the PAN! Coin Show for distribution at the South Hills Coin Show in February.

It was suggested that we add the club's web site address to the WPNS stationary.

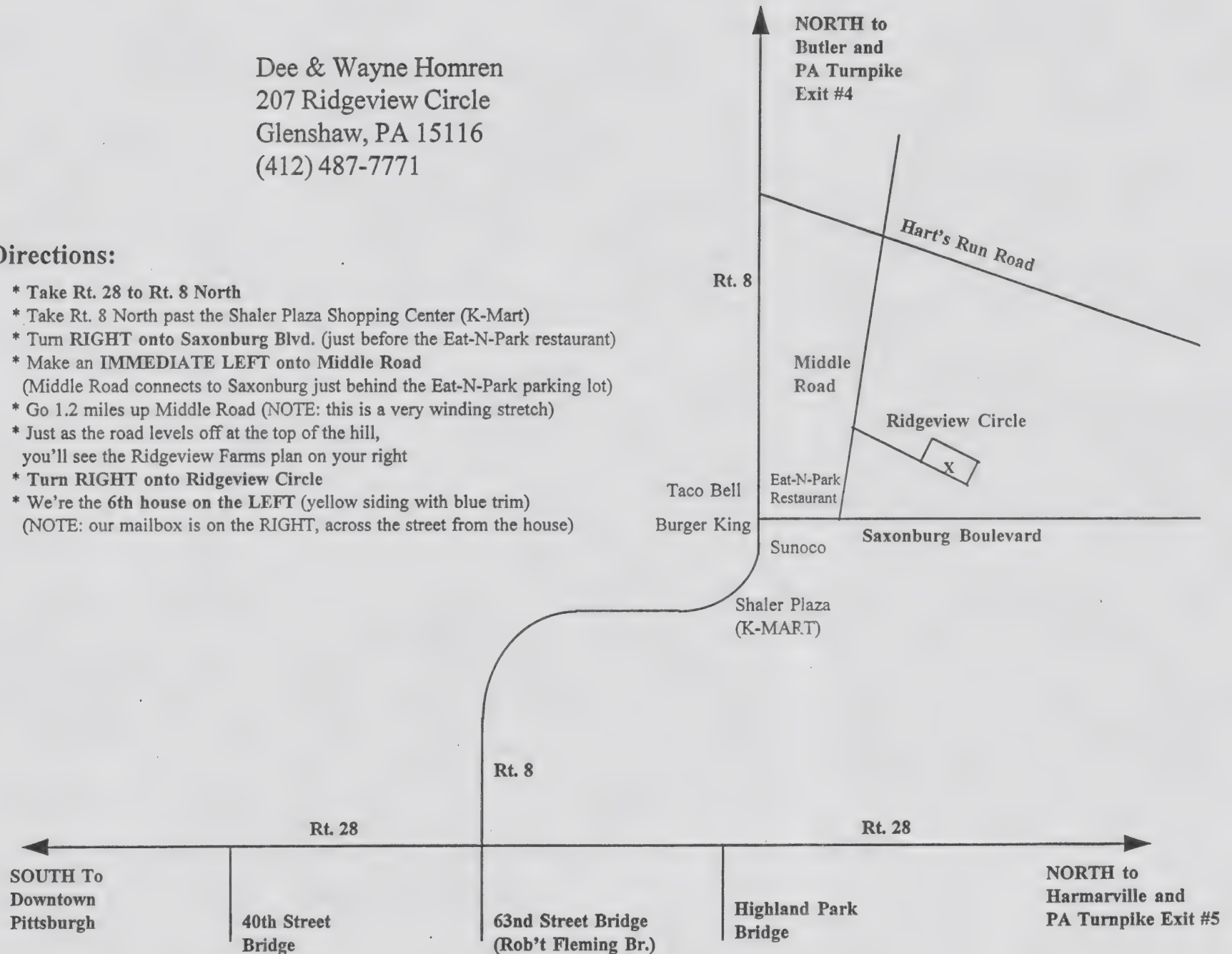
Wayne gave a short demonstration of the latest WPNS web page. A number of programs that had been given at WPNS meetings have been added to the WPNS web site.

The program was provided by Charles Erb on "Double and Triple Edges on Bust Halves" Chuck gave a short biography on Jean Castling, a Frenchman, who around 1689 invented a simple, reliable machine for lettering the edges of coins. A copy of an article from The Numismatist, describing the Castling machine, plus some of his more serious problems in getting the machine accepted by the French government, was distributed to the members. The machine was eventually used to letter the edges of coins in France, England and the United States. Bust halves up to the year 1836 had the words FIFTY CENTS OR A HALF DOLLAR on the edge of the coin. Chuck also passed around a number of bust halves with double and triple edge lettering, missing words and letters, inverted letters, and lettering on the edge of a reeded coin.

Dee & Wayne Homren
207 Ridgeview Circle
Glenshaw, PA 15116
(412) 487-7771

Directions:

- * Take Rt. 28 to Rt. 8 North
- * Take Rt. 8 North past the Shaler Plaza Shopping Center (K-Mart)
- * Turn **RIGHT** onto Saxonburg Blvd. (just before the Eat-N-Park restaurant)
- * Make an **IMMEDIATE LEFT** onto Middle Road
(Middle Road connects to Saxonburg just behind the Eat-N-Park parking lot)
- * Go 1.2 miles up Middle Road (NOTE: this is a very winding stretch)
- * Just as the road levels off at the top of the hill,
you'll see the Ridgeview Farms plan on your right
- * Turn **RIGHT** onto Ridgeview Circle
- * We're the 6th house on the **LEFT** (yellow siding with blue trim)
(NOTE: our mailbox is on the **RIGHT**, across the street from the house)



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: _____

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Tom Fort	1.	Books
2. Charles Culliton	2.	
3. Nick Bartano	3.	
4. Richard Gray	4.	Lincoln Kester (57)
5. Helen Kaminsky	5.	
6. Jerry Veeck	6.	
7. Charles Eric	7.	
8. Larry Spink	8.	
9. Charles Chesnow	9.	
10. Ted Sky	10.	Books
11. Bill Huber	11.	
12. Ed Kowalik	12.	
13. Wayne Hammen	13.	1917 \$1 SILVER CERT. LE ROUX CANADIAN COIN CABINET
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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

REQUEST FOR AWARD

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE

DATE _____

WE REQUEST THAT AN EDUCATIONAL AWARD CERTIFICATE BE ISSUED TO:

WHO RECENTLY GAVE AN EDUCATIONAL TALK BEFORE THE:

THE SUBJECT OF THIS TALK WAS:

DATE OF TALK _____

DATE CERTIFICATE WILL BE PRESENTED _____

NAME OF CLUB _____ ANA# _____

NAME OF CLUB OFFICER TO WHOM CERTIFICATE IS TO BE MAILED:

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER SO WE MAY CALL YOU IF WE
HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM

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MAIL COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO:

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
REQUEST FOR AWARD PROGRAM
818 NORTH CASCADE AVENUE
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80903 3279

PLEASE ALLOW 3 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

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Historical WPM Expenses

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Apr-98				52.96						
May-98	35.00									
Jun-98	35.00									
Jul-98	5.00	25.42								
Aug-98		50.62								
Nov-98						43.62				
Feb-99	10.00	39.08		107.22					55.64	
Apr-99								30.00		
May-99	25.00				20.00		25.00			
Jun-99					22.00					
Aug-99	67.00	39.42								
Sep-99	15.00									
Oct-99	20.00			100.66		23.20				
Nov-99	10.00									
Dec-99	10.00				22.00					
TOTAL	232.00	154.54		207.88	64.00	66.82	25.00	30.00	55.64	449.34
per year	116.00	77.27		103.94	32.00	33.41	12.50	15.00	27.82	224.67

Proposed WPNS Budget

ORDINARY EXPENSES

Postage	\$102.96
P.O. Box	\$44.00
Printing	\$35.00
ANA	\$25.00
Museum	\$20.00
Flowers	\$20.00
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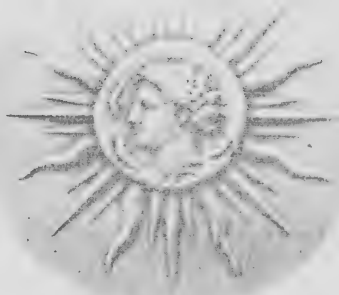
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2000

Time: 8:00 p.m., meeting starts

Location: Free Markets office in One Oliver Plaza, Wood, Sixth & Liberty.

*****Call and give us your E-mail address*****

PROGRAM:.....ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING and voting.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE SLATE:

Pres.

Vice-Pres.

Treas. Paul Schultz

Sect.

Curator Wayne Homren

Other nominations will be taken from the floor.

There were no Treasurer's Report, Minutes, or Committee Reports at this meeting at the museum repository. More time was devoted to observing the "Tokens of Western Penna." For those of you who are not familiar with the history; back in 1980 the Allegheny County Orphans Court decreed that the Carnegie must retain its' collection of tokens of PA and the adjoining states. Most of the rest of their coin, medal, and stamp collection was sold to buy minerals, bones, and bricks. Larry Dziubek preselected about 60 tokens and medallions that were thought to be near unique in their status with locals. Some of these are:

- *The 1879 WPNS medal that was thrown in the air and shot through with a bullet by marksman, Dr. Carver, at the exposition.
- *Two engraved coins of H.W.Scaife tin, copper, & iron ware from about 1853
- *Pittsburg Jewelry Co. encased Indian ¢ with Smithfield St. spelled Smithville St.
- *Spinner token from the West View Ice Co. & Beer Dist. circa the 1940's
- *Token of the St. Moritz Restaurant which was supposed to be located in E. Liberty
- *Lucky Coin from A. Schohn cafe & bar located at 36th and Butler streets.
- *I D tag, but good for \$ 3.50 discount from John Bright Shoe at 930 Liberty Ave.
- *Brass 2½ ¢ piece from Hotel Trenga cafe & bar at 401 Larimer Ave.
- *C. Ruben's counter stamped Excelsior Laundry token from Smithfield Street.
- *Central Turn-Halle nice bi-metallic medal from the lower hill district.
- *Farmers Deposit Bank's aluminum credit check in the rare \$ 1.00 value.
- *The good for 10¢ from Tacoma Beer Garden of McKeesport, Pa.
- *Western Belting & Sup. Co. at 14 Wood St. / Reverse has eagle perched on rock
- *Aluminum 5¢ bottle return check from Diamond House / N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa.
- *The Geo. B. Evans brass 5¢ token from Evans City, Pa. and many more.

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MEETING NOTICE

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Location: Carnegie Museum Annex, 5800 Baum Blvd.
Program: "Local Tokens" by Larry Dziubek

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The members were reminded to provide Richard Crosby with their Internet address. Meeting notices and other timely information would then be E-mailed to the members. Anyone not having an Email address will still receive his or her notices through the mail. Rich Crosby can be contacted at rjcrosby@stargate.net

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TO: Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

SUBJ: 2000 Treasurer's Report

FROM: Wayne K. Homren

DATE: June 6, 2000

Fellow Society Members:

In December, 1998, I accepted an appointment to the office of Treasurer for our organization, to complete the term of James G. Groninger, who died November 21, 1998. After retrieving our books from his widow and handling the transition with our bank, I settled into the role which I had held several years earlier.

Our Society's accounts have dropped by about 6% in that time, from a total of \$2,290.72 to \$2,159.38 at the end of May, 2000. Earlier this year the Society addressed this decline with an increase in our annual dues and mailing fee from \$5 to \$8.

As another capable member comes on board to fill the position, I now look forward to being able to spend more time with my growing family. I will endeavor to continue my regular attendance at our organization's meetings - a finer group of numismatists would be hard to come by.

In closing, I have have only one regret - that I did not collect application fees from more prospective members. We must evangelize and draw more new members into the fold. This subject was a topic at last years' annual meeting, and is a perennial problem. We must redouble our efforts or risk extinction; our organization has endured since 1878, and as our 125th anniversary approaches in 2003, we must make member outreach a primary goal.

Sincerely,



Wayne K. Homren

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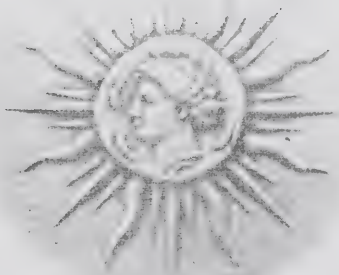
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Many of the coins are now quite scarce (or rare) as most of the coins were discarded by the members when colonies disbanded after World War II.

Dick also provided information on the disease. Leprosy is now known to be only slightly contagious and appears to be most prevalent in the warmer climates. After much research, it was discovered that the armadillo is the only animal that can be used to cultivate the leprosy germ for use in medical tests. Dick also mentioned several important individuals, like Father Damien, who labored for many years in a leper colony before he contracted and died of the disease, and Robert Lewis Stevenson, who was honored on a 1969 coin for his literary defense of Father Damien. Dick had a nice display of leper colony coins, an August 1981 issue of National Geographic with an article on the leper colonies and a more recent book on the numismatic aspects of leprosy.

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2000
Location: FreeMarkets, Inc, One Oliver Plaza, 210 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
(29 Floor) Guard in the lobby will ask you to sign-in.
Program: "Leper Colony Coins" by Richard Gaetano

A total of 10 members attended the March meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by vice-president, Dick Gaetano.

There were no minutes from the previous meeting. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2890.35, which includes the \$750 Life Fund.

Correspondence: The club received copies of the Numismatist, several auction catalogs and a letter from a North Gateway High School student asking that we send him mint mark Jefferson Nickels. (It was thought that the student was inquiring about PAN's "Coin for Kids" program).

Old and New Business: The April program that is normally held at the Museum Annex will be re-scheduled for May, as museum employees will be attending a meeting in Philadelphia.

Indiana Coin Show will be held on March 11 and 12 and will include a regional "Coins for Kids" program.

Wayne Homren informed the members that the WPNS meetings will be held in the Free Markets, Inc. conference room on the 29th floor of One Oliver Plaza. This room may eventually be turned into smaller rooms, but space would probably be available in another area of the building.

Richard Crosby requested that all members having an Email address provide him with that information. Meeting notices and other timely information would then be Emailed to the members. Anyone not having an Email address will still receive his or her notices through the mail.

It was reported that Harry Colburn recently had another stroke and is in poor condition.

Larry Dziubek reported on a newspaper article describing a series of coin burglaries by two brothers who had used lists of club members. This information reinforced the WPNS policy of not distributing lists of members.

The program for the evening was provided by Ed Krivoniak on "East Africa, Mombassa, Zanzibar Coins". He provided historical background explaining that during the 1500's Britain developed a policy that any foreign lands acquired by English exploration would be the property of the discoverer, who had to pay a small fee to the crown. This led to the development of British West Africa, South Africa and Rhodesia. Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, and a section on the lower Arabian Peninsula were known as British West Africa. Britain produced coins for the Belgian Congo, Zanzibar (similar to the coins of India) and the Isle of Mombassa. In 1919, the name was shortened to East Africa and the exchange rate was changed from 100 cents to the florin to 100 cents to a shilling. The coins produced in 1920 were melted and are now rare. East Africa was one of the few countries that minted coins for King Edward VIII before he abdicated. The 1943-1 shillings of East Africa are extremely rare. England had an unusual practice of preparing dies with all three mint letters, K H and N. Before a mint used the dies, one, two or all of the letters were removed. In 1959, East Africa issued 5 and 10-cent coins, but in the early 1960's, when most of the British territories were pushing for independence, the mint stopped making coins. In addition to his fine display of British African coins, Ed showed a scarce VIP proof set of 1949 East African coins.

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2000
Location: Tom Fort's House (See directions)
Program: "Hard Times Tokens of PA" by Richard Crosby

January's meeting held at Tom Fort's home. A total of 12 members attended. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by vice-president, Richard Gaetano.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2849.56.

Correspondence: None

Old and New Business: Tom Fort mentioned that WPNS meetings could be held at his home, except for the month of April when his wife was due for delivery. This should not be a problem, as April is the month when we normally have the meeting at the museum.

Wayne Homren reported that yearly expenses (postage, P. O. box, printing, ANA, dinners for museum personnel, and flowers for deceased members) amounts to about \$247. Interest income is \$77 per year. With only 26 members, we need to raise the dues to \$ 8 per year to offset ordinary expenses. A motion was made and carried to maintain the annual dues at \$1 and to increase the supplemental charge to \$7 per year.

The program for the evening was provided by Wayne Homren on "Legendary Pittsburgh Coin Collections". Wayne explained that the only auction catalogs he saves are those of very usual collections or those related to Pittsburgh collectors. He felt that every collector should know a little about these legendary figures, some of whom were the original members of WPNS. Often the auction catalog is the only reference we have of a very valuable collection. At one time, the early auction catalogs were as nearly as valuable as the coins themselves, in that they were the only reference price guides available. Most of the early auctions were held in Pittsburgh, but they later moved to Philadelphia or New York in order to draw a larger audience. Wayne passed

around examples of auction catalogs dating from 1892 to 1983 that represented twelve famous Pittsburgh collectors plus the Carnegie Museum collection. The most valuable example was the hard back, with plates catalog of Peter Gschwend (only 10 copies made) that was printed in 1908. Following the presentation, the membership had a lengthy discussion on the strange collecting habits of Howard Gibbs and James Sloss.

Directions to Tom Fort's residence. (BRING A FOLDING CHAIR)

Take Route 28 and head to Sharpsburg by way of the Highland Park Bridge or the exit to Freeport Road. On Freeport Road head to Main Street in Sharpsburg (where Montemurro's Restaurant is located). Depending on which direction you are traveling, turn onto 15th Street (AWAY FROM THE RIVER). Go to the end of 15th Street (CO-GO's) where there is a T. Turn RIGHT and continue until you reach a stop sign at the Y, and then bear to the RIGHT. Proceed up a steep hill and continue for about 3/4 mile. Near the top of the hill TURN LEFT onto High Meadow Road. Continue for two blocks and TURN LEFT onto Camden Drive and look for #6. (NOTE: 15th street is ONE-WAY going home).

Proposed WPNS Budget

ORDINARY EXPENSES

Postage	\$102.96
P.O. Box	\$44.00
Printing	\$35.00
ANA	\$25.00
Museum	\$20.00
Flowers	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$246.96

INTEREST INCOME	\$77.00
UNCOVERED EXPENSES	\$169.96

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 1999

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Lycos Office

(See attached map for directions)

Program: "Coins Not Listed in Catalogues" by Ed Krivoniak

February Meeting: A total of 13 members were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by president Ted Shiff.

The minutes were read and approved after one correction. (The name of the gentleman who invented the machine used to letter the edges of coins was Castaing instead of Castling.)

There was no treasurer's report. Wayne Homren will visit Mrs. Groninger this week to pick-up the treasurer's books

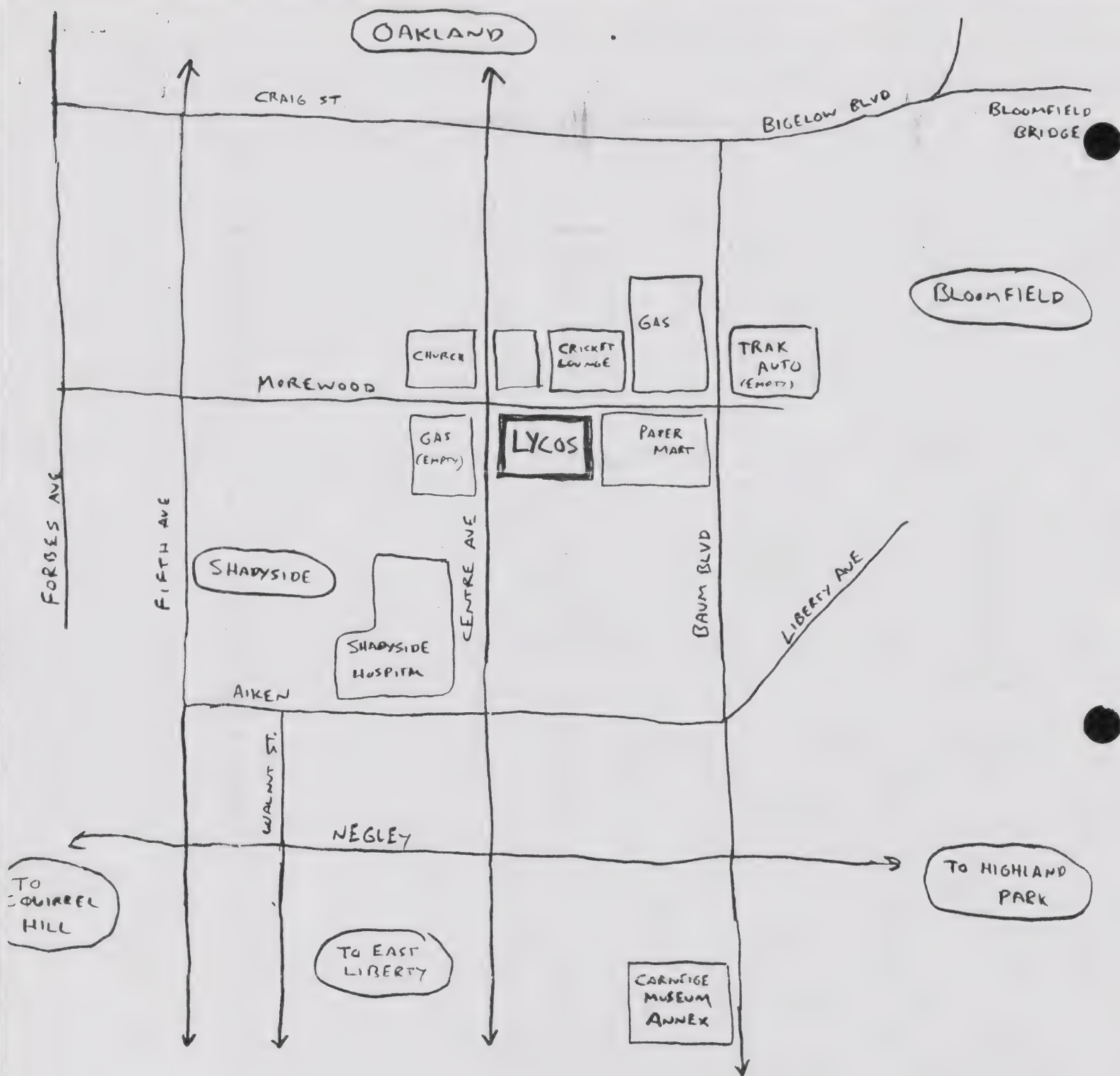
Correspondence: There was no correspondence. Wayne Homren reported that he will no longer be able to pick-up the mail from the WPNS post office box. Larry Dziubek agreed to stop at the post office at least once a month.

Committees: Bill Hunter reported on the work he has been doing on the Allegheny token survey. Photos of the tokens and other information were presented to Wayne for storage in the WPNS files.

Old Business: Wayne has received permission to hold the WPNS meetings in the Lycos Offices at Center and Morewood Avenues beginning with the March meeting. (see enclosed map).

New Business: We received a letter from Paul Schultz, a resident of Murrysville, for information on WPNS. Paul learned of the club from the flyers that were distributed at the last PAN Show. Dick Gaetano reported on a new encased coin from Kramer Brothers Freight Lines, Pittsburgh
Ted Shiff reported on the FUN Show and a few of the new specialized books on U. S. coins.

The program was provided by Rich Crosby on "Lincoln in Numismatics". Rich described the obverse and reverse features of 57 different Lincoln election medals that were on display. There were 18 medals from the 1860 election, 19 medals from the 1864 election, 14 ferrotypes from 1860, and 6 ferrotypes from 1864. Also including in the presentation was information on the metallic composition, the size of the tokens, and the company that produced the medals.



DIRECTIONS TO NEW WPNS MEETING PLACE

CORNER OF CENTRE AVE + MOREWOOD
(BORDER OF OAKLAND + SHADYSIDE)

PARKING AVAILABLE AT METERS ON CENTRE, MOREWOOD + BAUM

3-STORY YELLOW BRICK OFFICE BUILDING

"LYCOS" SIGN ON DOOR - "WISEWIRE" SIGN ON BUILDING

CONFERENCE ROOM IS ON 3RD FLOOR - ENTER FROM STAIRWELL

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 23404

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The monthly meeting will be held March 7th 2000 at our newest location. Thanks to Wayne.

We are enclosing a map of downtown Pittsburgh. The meeting will be held at the offices of FREEMARKETS, INC. Location one Oliver Plaza, 210 Sixth Avenue. The building is at the intersection of Sixth Avenue, Liberty Avenue, and Wood Streets. There is a parking garage in the building, accessible from both Wood Street and Liberty Avenue. On the enclosed we thing the number is 64. There will be security guards in the lobby. Tell them you are there for the WPNS Meeting on the 29th floor.

The speaker is Ed Krivoniak on "EAST AFRICA, MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR COINS."

If our president gets back on time, he will give a few words on the winter A.N.A., held in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

The February meeting was held at Tom's home. There were 10 members and 2 guests. The speaker had to cancel due to the poor weather conditions in his area. This will be rescheduled at a later time. From the information I received from those in attendance each person described how they got involved in coins. This was very interesting.

Bring a small exhibit.



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The mission of the PDP is to establish and maintain an environment that will further strengthen Downtown Pittsburgh as the regional business and cultural center and make Downtown the premier location to work, shop live and visit.

This map displays all public off-street parking in the area served by the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership. Also available are over 400 on-street metered parking spaces. Please note: on-street meters are free after 6 p.m. daily and all day Sunday.



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www.downtownpittsburgh.com

Cultural Attractions

- 1** Benedum Center
- 2** Heinz Hall
- 3** Byham Theater
- 4** Harris Theater
- 5** Fort Pitt Museum
- 6** Senator John Heinz Regional History Center
- 7** Library Center
- 8** Andy Warhol Museum
- 9** Carnegie Science Center

Government Buildings

- G1** City Hall
- G2** County Offices (2 buildings)
- G3** State Office Building
- G4** Federal Building
- G5** Federal Reserve
- G6** U.S. Post Office and Federal Courthouse

Destination Centers

- 1** Fifth Avenue Place
- 2** PPG Place
- 3** One Oxford Centre
- 4** USX Tower
- 5** Liberty Center
- 6** One Mellon Center
- 7** Chatham Center
- 8** Gateway Center
- 9** Greater Pittsburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau
Visitors Information Center
- 10** Warner Centre
- 11** Kaufmann's
- 12** Saks Fifth Avenue
- 13** Station Square
- 14** Lazarus
- 15** PNC Plaza

- T** Subway Stop
- Downtown Parking
- Easy Streets Participating Parking



- 1) Westinghouse Garage
Three Hours: N/A
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$12.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 2) Steelworkers Garage
Three Hours: in before
9 am \$9.00/ then \$10.50
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.50
Daily Max Rate: \$10.50
Monthly Rate: \$185.00
- 3) Point State Park Lot
Three Hours: in before
8 am \$10.00/ then \$12.00
After 2 pm \$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$12.00
Monthly Rate: \$195.00
- 4) Gateway Garage
Three Hours: N/A
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Daily Max Rate: \$17.00
Monthly Rate: \$225.00
- 5) Gateway Towers
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Three Hours: \$10.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
N/A
Daily Max Rate: \$12.50
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 6) Stanwix Street Garage
Three Hours: \$10.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
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Daily Max Rate: \$11.00
Monthly Rate: \$215-\$245
- 7) Kossman Bldg. Garage
Three Hours: in before
10 am \$9.00/ then \$13
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$13.00
Monthly Rate: \$225.00
- 8) Fifth Avenue Place
Garage
Three Hours: \$6.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$10.50
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 9) Ft. Duquesne & Sixth
Street Garage
Three Hours: \$4.75
After 5 pm & weekends:
up to \$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$8.00
Monthly Rate: \$190.00
- 10) Sixth Street & Penn
Avenue Garage
Three Hours: \$7.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$11.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 11) CNG Lot (7th & Penn)
Three Hours: \$8.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$5.00
Daily Max Rate: \$14.00
Monthly Rate: \$190.00
- 12) Seventh Street Lot
(Penn & Ft. Duq.)
Three Hours: \$8.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$5.00
Daily Max Rate: \$12.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 13) Cultural Trust Lot
(7th & Ft. Duq.)
Three Hours: \$8.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$5.00
Daily Max Rate: \$12.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 14) 7th St. Lot -
Next To Tambellini's
Three Hours:
In before 10:00 am-\$9.00/
after 10:00 am-\$10.50
After 5 pm weekends:
\$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$10.50
Monthly Rate: \$140.00
- 15) 8th St./Ft. Duquesne
Blvd. Lot
Three Hours: in before
10 am \$6.00/ then \$10.50
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$10.50
Monthly Rate: \$150.00
- 16) 8th St. & Penn Ave.
Lot
Three Hours: \$7.00
After 4 pm & weekends:
\$3.00 after 6 pm
Daily Max Rate: \$9.75
Monthly Rate: \$195.00
- 17) Ninth & Penn Garage
Three Hours: \$4.75
After 4 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$8.00
Monthly Rate: \$190.00
- 18) Ninth & Penn Lot
Three Hours: in before
9 am \$10.75/ then \$11.75
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.50
Daily Max Rate: \$11.75
Monthly Rate: \$210.00
- 19) 930 Ft. Duquesne
Blvd. Lot
Three Hours: \$9.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
N/A
Daily Max Rate: \$9.00
Monthly Rate: \$175-\$190
- 20) 10th St. & French St.
Lot
Three Hours: \$6.50
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$9.50
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 21) Convention Center
Garage (FIO)
Three Hours: \$4.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$10.50
Monthly Rate: \$175.00
- 22) Tenth St. &
Penn Ave. Lot
Three Hours:
\$8.00 before 9 am/
\$10.50 after 10 am
After 5pm & weekends:
\$5.00
Daily Max Rate: \$10.50
Monthly Rate: \$175.00
- 23) Liberty Center
Parking Garage
Three Hours: \$10.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$5.00
Daily Max Rate: \$12-\$15
Monthly Rate:
tenant=\$210,
nontenant=\$235
- 24) Greyhound Garage
Three Hours: \$12.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$5.00
Daily Max Rate: \$15.00
Monthly Rate: \$160.00
- 25) Pennsylvanian -
Lower Lot
Three Hours: \$6.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$9.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 26) Pennsylvanian -
Upper Lot
Three Hours: \$9.00/ in
after 10 am \$4.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$9.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 27) 954 Liberty Ave. Lot
Three Hours: \$13 before
9 am/ \$15.00 after 9 am
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$15.00
Monthly Rate: \$269.00
- 28) Smithfield/Liberty
Garage
Three Hours: \$4.75
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$1 - \$3
Daily Max Rate: \$11.00
Monthly Rate: \$230.00
- 29) Exchange Way &
Liberty Ave. Lot
Three Hours: \$6.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$9.00
Monthly Rate: \$175.00
- 30) Mellon Square
Garage
Three Hours: \$5.00
After 4 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$11.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 31) 510 Market St. Lot
Three Hours: \$8.25
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$11.25
Monthly Rate: \$210.00
- 32) Blvd. of Allies &
Stanwix St. Lot
Three Hours: \$9.00
(Events \$5.00)
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$11.00
Monthly Rate: \$175.00
- 33) 131 Ft. Pitt Blvd. Lot
Three Hours: \$5.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$8.50
Monthly Rate: \$160.00
- 34) Fort Pitt Lot
Three Hours: \$8.00
before 10 am/ \$10.50
after 10 am
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3 (M-Th), \$5 (F)
Daily Max Rate: \$10.50
Monthly Rate: \$200.00
- 35) 1st Ave. &
Wood St. Lot
Three Hours: \$12.50
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$5.00
Daily Max Rate: \$12.50
Monthly Rate: \$190-\$215
- 36) Market St. &
Blvd. of Allies Lot
Three Hours: \$12.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
(M-Th) \$4/ Friday \$5
Daily Max Rate: \$12.00
Monthly Rate: \$190-\$215
- 37) Wood/Allies Garage
Three Hours: \$4.75
After 4 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$8.00
Monthly Rate: \$190.00
- 38) PPG Place Garage
Three Hours: \$7.50
After 4 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$11.00
Monthly Rate: \$198-\$260
- 39) Third Ave. Garage
Three Hours: \$4.75
After 5 pm & weekends:
up to \$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$10.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 40) 224 Forbes Ave. Lot
(near Mkt. Sq.)
Three Hours: in before
10 am \$9.00/ then \$10.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.25
Daily Max Rate: \$10.50
Monthly Rate: \$225.00
- 41) Mon Wharf Parking
Three Hours: \$6.00
After 4 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$3.00
Monthly Rate: \$120.00
- 42) 340 Forbes Ave. Lot
Three Hours: in before
10 am \$9/ then \$13.75
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$13.75
Monthly Rate: \$230.00
- 43) 319 Fourth Avenue
Lot
Three Hours: in before 10
am \$9.00/ then \$12
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$12.00
Monthly Rate: \$220.00
- 44) Fourth Avenue Lot
Three Hours: \$10.00
After 4 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$13.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 45) 340 Blvd. of the
Allies Lot
Three Hours: Leases
Only/ Monthly Buddy
Space
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.25
Daily Max Rate: \$12.25
Monthly Rate: \$165.00
- 46) Grant & Forbes Lot
Three Hours: \$16.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$16.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 47) Forbes Ave/
Kaufmann's Garage
Three Hours: \$4.50
After 4 pm & weekends:
After 6 pm \$3.25
Daily Max Rate: \$11.50
Monthly Rate: \$226.00
- 48) One Oxford Centre
Garage
Three Hours: \$9.25
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.50
Daily Max Rate: \$11.50
Monthly Rate: \$235-\$320
- 49) Blvd. of Allies/Cherry
Way Garage
Three Hours: \$4.75
After 4 pm & weekends:
After 6pm \$3.25
Daily Max Rate: \$10.50
Monthly Rate: \$210
- 50) 3rd Ave. &
Grant St. Lot
Three Hours: \$14.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$15.00
Monthly Rate: \$200
- 51) 1st Avenue Garage/
By Grant
Three Hours: \$8.75
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$11.50
Monthly Rate: \$190-\$235
- 52) Cherry Way &
First St. Lot
Three Hours: \$10.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$10.00
Monthly Rate: \$185-\$210
- 53) 2nd Avenue Lot &
Ross St
Three Hours: in before
9 am \$7.00/then \$11.50
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.50
Daily Max Rate: \$11.50
Monthly Rate: \$160.00
- 54) 3rd Ave. Lot
(near Grant Bldg.)
Three Hours: \$10.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$13.00
Monthly Rate: \$175
- 55) Grant Building
Garage
Three Hours: \$5.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
N/A
Daily Max Rate: \$16.50
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 56) 610 3rd. Ave. Lot
Three Hours: \$5.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$7.00
Monthly Rate: \$130
- 57) Manor Complex
Garage
Three Hours: \$6.00
After 4:30 pm &
weekends: \$3.50
Daily Max Rate: \$8.50
Monthly Rate: \$160
- 58) One Mellon Bank
Center Garage
Three Hours: \$6.00
After 4:30 pm &
weekends: \$4.00
Daily Max Rate: \$14.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 59) Bigelow/Ramada
Garage
Three Hours: \$8.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$5.00
Daily Max Rate: \$12.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 60) USX Tower Garage
Three Hours: \$15.50
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$5.00
Daily Max Rate: \$18.00
Monthly Rate: \$285.00
- 61) Chatham Center
Garage
Three Hours: \$8.25
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$5.00
Daily Max Rate: \$6.50
before 9:00/ \$12.75
Monthly Rate: \$147-\$179
- 62) 4th & Ross St. Lot
Three Hours: \$13.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
N/A
Daily Max Rate: \$13.00
Monthly Rate: \$150
- 63) Water Street at
Chancery Way
Three Hours: \$10.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$2.50
Daily Max Rate: \$10.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 64) One Oliver Plaza
Three Hours: \$8.50
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$3.50
Daily Max Rate: \$12.50
Monthly Rate: \$185-\$215
- 65) First Ave Parking
Plaza
Three Hours: \$4.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
up to \$3
Daily Max Rate: \$6.00
Monthly Rate: \$120
- 66) Oliver Garage/
Lazarus
Three Hours: \$4.25
After 4 pm & weekends:
After 6 pm \$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$11.00
Monthly Rate: \$210
- 67) Civic Arena -
North Lot
Three Hours: \$5.25
After 5 pm & weekends:
N/A
Daily Max Rate: \$5.25
- 68) Washington Place
West Lot
Three Hours: \$6.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
N/A
Daily Max Rate: \$6.00
- 69) Regional History
Center Lot
Three Hours: \$5.00
After 4 pm & weekends:
\$3.00
Daily Max Rate: \$7.00
Monthly Rate: \$130
- 70) 11th & Etna St. Lot
Three Hours: \$5.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$5.00
Daily Max Rate: \$5.00
Monthly Rate: N/A
- 71) 13th & Penn Avenue
Three Hours: \$5.25
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$5.25
Daily Max Rate: \$5.25
- 72) West Lot
Station Square
Three Hours: \$4.00
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.50
Daily Max Rate: \$4.00
Monthly Rate: \$80
- 73) Station Sq. Garage
Three hours: \$4.35
After 5 pm & weekends:
N/A
Daily Max Rate: \$12.00
Monthly Rate: \$110.00
- 74) Station Square
Three Hours: \$5.35
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$5.35
Daily Max Rate: \$13.35
- 75) East Lot
Station Square
Three hours: In by 10 am-
\$4.25/ then \$4.85
After 5 pm & weekends:
\$4.85
Daily Max Rate: \$4.85
Monthly Rate: \$80.00

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Homren, Wayne

From: Wayne Homren [whomren@telerama.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2000 1:56 PM
To: Ted Shiff; Skip Culleton
Subject: REVISED WPNS February 2000 Treasurer's Report

Ted:

Here's a REVISED version of February's Treasurer's report, updated to include interest on our savings account.

-Wayne.

WPNS Treasurer's Report February, 2000

Opening Balance (checking): \$1221.56
plus Interest \$ 1.08
End Balance (checking): \$1222.64

Opening Balance (savings): \$1629.12
plus Interest \$ 38.59
End Balance (savings): \$1667.71

TOTAL (checking & savings): \$ 2890.35
minus Life Fund \$ 750.00
TOTAL REGULAR FUND: \$ 2140.35

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: MARCH

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. <i>Charles Cullerton</i>	1.	Script & Commemorative Tokens
2. <i>Dick Gullano</i>	2.	Match Safe - C T Puzzle
3. <i>Edward A. Kinnard</i>	3.	BRITISH AFRICA COINS
4. <i>Pickard Greely</i>	4.	Colony Expo Medals (5)
5. <i>Wayne Homgren</i>	5.	Ephemera incl. 1934 manuscript on U.S. Commemorative Coins
6. <i>Ellen Kaminsky</i>	6.	just me!
7. <i>Coreen Chesnow</i>	7.	
8. <i>Peaslee Ent</i>	8.	
9. <i>Larry Gimbler</i>	9.	
10. <i>Paul Schultz</i>	10.	
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2000
Location: Tom Fort's House (See directions)
Program: "Legendary Pittsburgh Coin Collections" by Wayne Homren

December's meeting held at Tom Fort's home. A total of 11 members attended. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by president, Ted Shiff.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence: The club received copies of the Clarion, Numismatist, and Stack's auction catalog.

Old and New Business: Ted Shiff reported that he had personally paid \$90 for the two guests and the one no show at the annual banquet held at Victoria Hall. Chuck Erb motioned that the club repay Ted for this expense. The motion carried.

Rich Crosby motion that the yearly dues be increased from \$5 to \$7. He explained that after the recent postage increase to 33 cents it was now costing the club nearly \$5 a year to mail the monthly newsletter. Several members felt that dues should be increased to \$8 or even \$10. It was noted that the club has additional expenses--postbox rental, a donation to the ANA, printing of programs, etc. Even though the club has a substantial savings account, this money has been used to print books (past presentations and the Allegheny Project) and other projects, which could not have been done without the cash reserve. Wayne Homren will determine the club's annual expenses. A vote will then be taken to increase the dues to cover the cost of the meeting notices and routine expenses.

The program for the evening was provided by Tom Fort on "Royal Iconography". The first royal seals to be used in England were probably made during the 9th Century, even though the custom dates back to the ancient Romans who produced seals made of lead. A royal seal is similar to a signature in that it verifies the authenticity of a document. During the reign of Edward the Confessor, royal seals were made by pressing one or two dies into a circular piece of wax, which was then attached by a

ribbon to a document. Before Edward's reign, documents (called charters) were normally drawn up by the recipient, and usually pertain to the granting of property. The most common images on royal seals shows a bust of the king or the king seated on a throne (only the king could be pictured on a throne). The larger the size of the seal, the more important was the status of the person depicted. The same bust design that was used on the royal seal was often used on the coins of that period. Only three royal seals of Edward the Confessor are known to exist.

Tom had on display several books from his library that deal with the subject of seals plus four wax replicas of medieval royal seals.

Directions to Tom Fort's residence. (BRING A FOLDING CHAIR)

Take Route 28 and head to Sharpsburg by way of the Highland Park Bridge or the exit to Freeport Road. On Freeport Road head to Main Street in Sharpsburg (where Montemurro's Restaurant is located). Depending on which direction you are traveling, turn onto 15th Street (AWAY FROM THE RIVER). Go to the end of 15th Street (CO-GO's) where there is a T. Turn RIGHT and continue until you reach a stop sign at the Y, and then bear to the RIGHT. Proceed up a steep hill and continue for about 3/4 mile. Near the top of the hill TURN LEFT onto High Meadow Road. Continue for two blocks and TURN LEFT onto Camden Drive and look for #6. (NOTE: 15th street is ONE-WAY going home).

Historical WPNS Expenses

	INCOME		EXPENSES							
	Dues	Interest		Sect'y	P.O. Box	Printing	ANA	Museum	Flowers	TOTAL
Apr-98				52.96						
May-98	35.00									
Jun-98	35.00									
Jul-98	5.00	25.42								
Aug-98		50.62								
Nov-98						43.62				
Feb-99	10.00	39.08		107.22					55.64	
Apr-99								30.00		
May-99	25.00				20.00		25.00			
Jun-99					22.00					
Aug-99	67.00	39.42								
Sep-99	15.00									
Oct-99	20.00			100.66		23.20				
Nov-99	10.00									
Dec-99	10.00				22.00					
TOTAL	232.00	154.54		207.88	64.00	66.82	25.00	30.00	55.64	449.34
per year	116.00	77.27		103.94	32.00	33.41	12.50	15.00	27.82	224.67



MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, December 7, 1999

Time: 8:00 p.m., meeting starts

Location: **TOM FORT's HOME**

6 CAMDEN DRIVE above, Sharpsburg, PA.

(see directions elsewhere)

**PROGRAM:....." REX ET BASILEUS : The Great Seal and
Sovereign / Eagle Coinage of Edward the Confessor-A study of the
development of Royal Iconography".....by E. Tomlinson Fort**

Directions to Tom & Gosia's home:

Bring a folding chair.

Take Route 28 North or South and head to Sharpsburg | by way of the Highland
Park Bridge and or the exit to Freeport Road | Once on Freeport Road head to
Main Street in Sharpsburg (Where Montemurro's Restaurant is located)

Depending on which direction you are travelling, **TURN** on 15th Street going
away from the river, and go to the end (CO-GO's), where there is a T, **Turn
RIGHT** and continue until you reach a **STOP** at the Y, and **BEAR** to the **RIGHT**.
You start up a very steep hill and continue for about 3/4 mi.. Near the end **TURN
LEFT** onto High Meadow Road. Continue for a short while and **TURN LEFT** onto
CAMDEN Drive, and Look for # 6, 15th Street is a **ONE-WAY** going Home.

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There were about 20 people attending the W.P.N.S. dinner last
month at Victoria Hall. John Wudarczyk gave a great talk on the
Allegheny Arsenal located at the end of the 40th street bridge in
Lawrenceville. He talked about the construction for the War of 1812,
and the explosion during the Civil War that killed many dozens of
workers, mostly young girls. John Carnprobst has collected artifacts
for about 50 years, and displayed some of the leather and brass
accouterments made here at the Arsenal. A 100 page soft cover book
was available, and may be ordered by calling Jim at 412 681-4637

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 12/7/99

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Charles Culliton	1.	VATICAN / COMMUNION TOKEN BOOK
2. Tom Fort	2.	
3. Chuck Erb	3.	
4. Gary Rindler	4.	
5. Richard Reddy	5.	
6. Lucien Broussard	6.	
7. Dick Gattuso	7.	
8. Ted Shiff	8.	BOOKS + ONE 1955 MIDLAND
9. Ed Brunovich	9.	PROCLAMATION COINS
10. Paul Schultz	10.	PA B. C. and Metal
11. Wayne Hammen	11.	Book from Ken Lowe Library, sale
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, November 2, 1999

Annual banquet at Victoria Hall (see map)

Program: "The Allegheny Arsenal" by James Wudarczyk

October meeting held at the Allegheny-Kiski Valley Historical Society. A total of 11 members and 3 guests attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by president, Ted Shiff.

The minutes were read and approved after two corrections. (1) The Cybercoins site can be reached by simply entering Cybercoins.net instead of the much longer address reported in last month's minutes. (2) The minutes from September indicated that John Burns had not yet provided copies of next year's WPNS programs. Brad Shiff had already started to work on the programs before John was given the opportunity.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3042.03.

Correspondence: The club received one letter with \$5 dues for 1999-2000.

Old and New Business: Ted Shiff reported that the annual banquet will be held at Victoria Hall. The members were then asked to agree on two dinner choices. It was finally decided that the president would select one beef and one fish entree. Larry Dzuibek reported that the banquet speaker had been contacted and will be available for the dinner.

Wayne Homren gave a short report on the upcoming PAN show, Oct. 22-24. There will be approximately 125 dealer tables. The speakers for the PAN banquet will be J.S.G. Boggs (money artist) and Thomas Raymond Hipschen (portrait engraver).

Ted Shiff reported that there will be a huge Ebay Show in Ohio the second week of October with about 1/2 of the tables reserved for coin dealers.

Ted passed around a high quality, very expensive 1856 flying eagle cent. After everyone had the opportunity to inspect the coin, he then explained that the coin

was an expertly altered 1858 cent.

The program for the evening was provided by Skip Culleiton on "Coins of Tarentum". A map was provided showing the 56 Greek mints that were once located in Italy. There were once six very important cities in Southern Italy (then known as Magna Graecia), which included the Spartan colony of Tarentum. Tarentum was said to have been founded in 700-600 BC by Taras, who had been rescued from a ship wreck by riding on the back of a dolphin. Its wealth was in fine wool, horses, and the murex shell from which an important purple dye was obtained. The earliest coins of Tarentum were incused being minted in about 550 BC. The coins show either Taras on the back of a dolphin or the figure of a naked youth (possibly Apollo?). For the next 300 years, the Tarentines minted coins showing different portraits, but by far the most common were the drachms and didrachms showing Taras riding on the back of a dolphin with the portrait of a young boy or soldier seated on a horse on the opposite side. Gold staters were first struck by the Tarentines in 344-334 BC to help defray the cost of military assistance.

An extensive study of the equestrian type coinage by Arthur Evans on the "Horsemen of Tarentum" appeared in the Numismatic Chronicle, Third Series, 1889. A copy of this book was donated by Robert Porter (former WPNS member) to the Allegheny-Kiski Valley Historical Society. Mr. Evans contends that Tarentine coinage can be divided into ten distinct periods that extended from 550 to 272 BC. These ten periods are related to either military or political events in Tarentum's history and produced distinct changes in the Taras and horsemen portraits.

The names of the engravers first appeared on Tarentine coins during the third period (380-345 BC) with the names of the city magistrates being added in the sixth period (302-281 BC). The weight of the Tarentine didrachm was reduced twice, once from 120 grains to 100 grains during the seventh period (281-272 BC) and again in the tenth period (212-209) when it was reduced to 53.3 grains. Both reductions were necessitated by huge military expenditures.

In 209 BC, a Roman army under Fabius sacked the city and carried away 83,000 pounds of gold. Tarentum was then under Roman control, but in the end Greek culture vanquished that of the Romans, as Rome soon found that its cumbersome bronze coinage was inadequate and replaced it with coins similar to those used by the Greek cities.

Skip passed around a collection of five silver coins and one gold coin of Tarentum that had been donated by Bob Porter to the Allegheny-Kiski Valley Historical Society.

Directions to Victoria Hall

Directions from Downtown

From Civic Arena go to Bigelow Blvd., take Bigelow Blvd. to Bloomfield Bridge (exit from right lane). At end of bridge, turn right onto Liberty Avenue. Follow Liberty to Gross St. (just past West Penn Hospital on the left). Turn left onto Gross and follow it until it ends at Penn Ave. Turn right onto Penn Ave. At the next street, S. Winebiddle, turn right again. Victoria Hall is one block down on the left, 201 S. Winebiddle.

Directions from Squirrel Hill and Shadyside

Take Aiken Ave., cross Centre Ave. and veer left over Baum Blvd. onto Liberty Avenue. Make a right onto Gross St. and follow it until it ends at Penn Ave. Turn right onto Penn Ave. At the next street, S. Winebiddle, turn right again. Victoria Hall is one block down on the left, 201 S. Winebiddle.

Directions from Oakland

Take Craig Street to Baum Blvd. Turn right onto Baum Blvd. and follow to Liberty Avenue. Turn left onto Liberty Ave. Make a right onto Gross St. and follow it until it ends at Penn Ave. Turn right onto Penn Ave. At the next street, S. Winebiddle, turn right again. Victoria Hall is one block down on the left, 201 S. Winebiddle.

Directions from Route 28 – from North

Cross the 40th Street Bridge, 2nd light is Penn Avenue. Make a left turn onto Penn Avenue past St. Francis Hospital and the cemetery (approximately six blocks). Turn right onto S. Winebiddle (the street just after Gross St., only on the right hand side). Victoria Hall is one block down on the left, 201 S. Winebiddle.

Directions from Route 28 – Fox Chapel

Cross the Highland Park Bridge, stay in the left lane to exit north onto Allegheny River Boulevard. Turn right at first light onto Washington Boulevard. Turn right onto Penn Avenue and follow for approximately two miles. Turn left onto S. Winebiddle. Victoria Hall is one block down on the left, 201 S. Winebiddle.

Directions from I-376 West

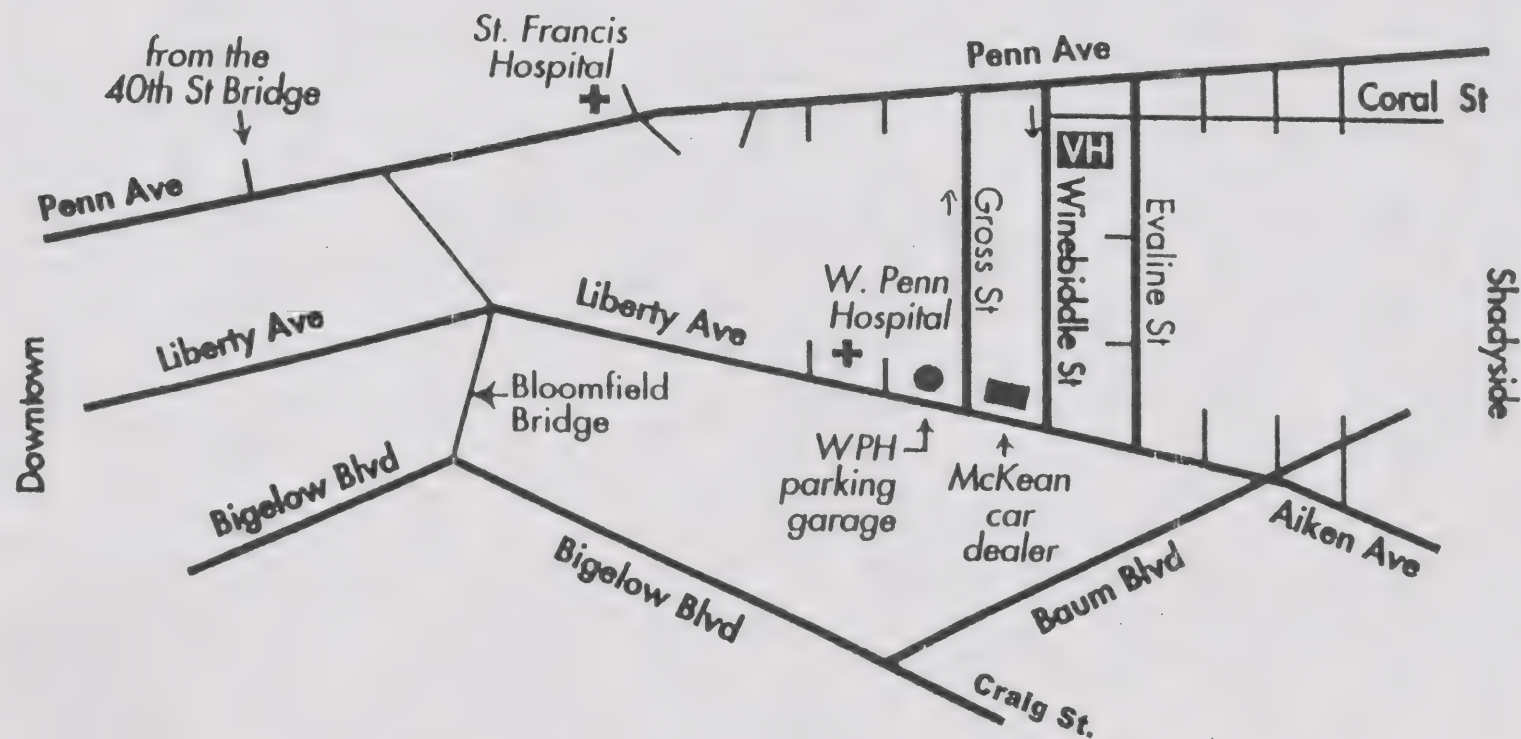
Take the Edgewood / Swissvale exit and turn right onto S. Braddock Avenue. At the third light turn left onto Penn Avenue and follow for approximately three miles. Turn left onto S. Winebiddle. Victoria Hall is one block down on the left, 201 S. Winebiddle.

Parking

There is free valet parking at Victoria Hall. Please allow the parking attendant to park your car; street parking is by permit only in this neighborhood.

To Victoria Hall

Gross and Evaline are one way from Liberty to Penn.
Winebiddle is one way from Penn to Liberty.



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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Tarentum Museum (see map)

Program: "Tarentum Coins" by Skip Culleiton

September Meeting: A total of 12 members and 1 guest attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 by president, Ted Shiff.

The minutes were read and approved. There was no treasurer's report.

Correspondence: The club received a letter of acknowledgment for the \$25 donation to the ANA Chicago show program. We also received three letters from members with dues for 1999-2000.

Old and New Business: Ed Krivoniak reported that John Burns had not yet prepared copies of either the new WPNS flyer or next year's programs. Brad Shiff passed around a printed copy of the upcoming programs for corrections. Wayne Homren recommended that the club's Email address be added to the list of programs. Ed Krivoniak agreed to have copies of the program printed.

Paul Schultz suggested that we pass out the new programs at coin shows to encourage collectors to join WPNS. It was decided instead to include the list of programs in the WPNS flyers.

Ted Shiff will check with Victoria Hall for this years banquet.

Wayne Homren reported that this will be the final meeting in the Lycos building. Tom Fort has offered the use of his game room for at least a year. Wayne also said that we could use his home for meetings. The president asked the members to consider any additional sites--schools, libraries, restaurants, etc.

Wayne Homren is now collecting the \$5 dues for 1999-2000. Please mail a check if you are unable to attend the next meeting.

The program for the evening was provided by Brad Shiff on "Coins on the Net". Brad opened the program with a brief history of the Internet. The idea had originated with the military as a means of exchanging vital information during times of national emergencies. Other organizations or individuals quickly realized the potential of the Internet for exchanging information (i.e. schools and hospitals) or as a retail outlet. Five years ago when Cybercoins displayed their program at the ANA, about 98% of the attendees were not familiar with the Internet. Today the opposite is true. The Internet is now being used for both good and bad purposes. The good includes exchange of information, communications, grocery shopping, etc. Included with the bad are pornography (of the 1.5 million sites added per week, approximately 80% are pornography related) and the dissimulation of false or erroneous data.

Cybercoins has at the present time about 2000 coin images (40% of their inventory) displayed on their web. The excellent photos are provided by Brad using a digital camera. The shop now uses a very reliable site engine located in Hawaii that costs a mere \$30 per month. The coin shop used to be opened 6 or 7 days per week, but are now opened only two days. Cybercoins now realizes ten times as many sales by Internet as it does from customers buying at the shop. They are also selling (\$8.00) a CD disc that will download the 2000 photo images to a computer screen in about 0.5 second per image instead of the 20 to 30 seconds that it normally takes from the Internet.

Brad has recently started a very active chat group on the Cybercoins site. You can check out the chat group or the coin images at:
www.nauticom.net/www/coinsCybercoins@aol.com

While checking the Cyber Coins web site you can also view the WPNS site at:
http://www.money.org/club_wpns

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 10/5/99

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Charles Cullerton	1. Mary Colburn	COMMUNION TOKENS
2. Larry Grubich	2. Howard J. Cate	Del Romines Tokens
3. Harry Colburn	3. Ray Rennick	
4. Rick Cray	4.	Romines CV Collected
5. Ted Stiff	5.	US/100
6. Mary K. Hargrave	6.	1910 ANA LIBRARY LIST FLINT CHAS. TOKENS OF THE REBELLION 1863
7. CHUCK ERB	7.	
8. DICK GAETANO	8.	
9. Paul Schultz	9.	
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, September 7, 1999

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Lycos Office

Program: "Coins on the Net" by Brad Shiff

July Meeting: A total of 13 members and 2 guests attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by president, Ted Shiff.

The minutes were read and approved after making one correction--Larry Dzuibek had agreed to provide the program for the April, 2000 meeting instead of the November, 1999 meeting.

Treasurers report showed a balance of \$2168.29. Chuck Erb reported that he and Rich Crosby had audited and signed the books. Everything balanced.

Correspondence: The club received an announcement for the Cleveland coin show.

Old and New Business: Ed Krivoniak prepared new WPNS flyers for distribution at PAN and other upcoming coin shows. John Burns will have 300 copies printed.

John will have also copies of the WPNS 1999-2000 programs prepared.

Ted Shiff passed out five free videos on "The Money Story", a 30 minute history of the U S mint. Additional copies are available if anyone would like to have one for their local school or library.

Ted Shiff reported that he will have a table at the ANA Show in Chicago and would be happy to store member's personal items at his table.

Wayne Homren is now collecting the \$5 dues for 1999-2000.

Those in attendance voted and accepted Paul Schultz as a new member of the organization.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: SEPT 7 1999

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. <i>Charles Culligan</i>	1. <i>J</i>	<i>SUBARU GREENLAND</i>
2. <i>Edmund H. Kinsman</i>	2.	<i>LATEST COINS</i>
3. <i>Redd Gandy</i>	3.	—
4. <i>Gary G. G. G.</i>	4.	
5. <i>Lucas Bromberger</i>	5.	
6. <i>Dix Hartman</i>	6.	<i>Alaska & California</i>
7. <i>Chuck Erb</i>	7.	
8. <i>Harry Coburn</i>	8.	
9. <i>Paul Lebuty</i>	9.	<i>Austria & Saxony</i>
10. <i>Wayne K. Hansen</i>	10.	
11. <i>TED Shiff</i>	11.	<i>AND PRINCELESS</i>
12. <i>Gerry Kieck</i>	12.	
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Lycos Office

Program: "Roman Republican Coins" by E. Tomlinson Fort

July Meeting: A total of 12 members and 2 guests attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by president, Ted Shiff.

The minutes were read and approved after making one correction--the June meeting was conducted by V. President, Dick Gaetano. Treasurers report showed a balance of \$2167.18 in the regular fund, \$1589.70 in savings and \$750 in the life fund.

Meetings will be held for at least one more month at the Lycos location. If you arrive after 8:00 P.M. you can telephone Wayne Homren at (412) 398-2070 to get into the building. A new meeting site will be needed later this year. Wayne offered to hold meetings at his home until a new location could be found.

Skip Culleiton suggested that we hold the October meeting at the Allegheny Historical Society in Tarentum. He will provide the program on Coins of Tarentum. Larry Dziubek will provide the November program on local tokens at the Museum Annex.

Correspondence: PAN raffle show tickets and ANA election material.

Old and New Business: New WPNS flyers are needed for upcoming coin shows.

Larry Dziubek will contact the gentleman who wrote the book on the Allegheny Arsenal to speak at our annual banquet. He will also ask another gentleman to display his collection of Arsenal material at the banquet.

Wayne Homren is now collecting the dues for 1999-2000.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 8/3/99

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Charles Cullerton	1. Lucien Brumberger	Alcoa Token
2. Carleen Thomas	2. Paul Schultz	
3. John H. Burns	3.	
4. Ed Krivonich	4.	
5. Tom Fort	5.	
6. Richard Crosby	6.	
7. D. Gaetano	7.	
8. J. Vreck	8.	
9. Ted Skyp	9.	Token 1957-1961 Argent
10. Gary Eichel	10.	
11. Chuck Erb	11.	
12. Wayne Hansen	12.	1999 MINT SET EARLY LOW SALES #3 & #4
13. Harry Colburn	13.	
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, July 6, 1999

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Lycos Office

Program: "The Liberty Bell" by Dick Gaetano

May Meeting: A total of 10 members attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by president, Ted Shiff.

Election of Officers: The current slate of officers--Ted Shiff (president), Dick Gaetano (vice president), Wayne Homren (treasurer and historian), Charles Culleiton (recording secretary), and Richard Crosby (corresponding secretary)--were re-elected to serve an additional term

New Business: A sign up sheet was circulated to solicit programs for 1999-2000. Additional programs are still needed.

There was a brief discussion on where to hold the annual meeting. Members are asked to contact Ted Shiff with their suggestions of a restaurant and a speaker.

Faced with a declining membership, each member was encouraged to bring in at least one new member during the upcoming year. Wayne Homren suggested that we use the PAN mailing list and send a card to all local collectors inviting them to a WPNS meeting. This approach has been fairly successful with PNS.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

The program for the evening was provided by E. Tomlinson Fort on The Coinage of William I, the King of Scotland. Tom provided a brief history of Scotland from approximately 1125, when David was King of Scotland, until the death of William I in 1214. This was a period of great conflict between England and Scotland. Under King David I, Scotland gained control of Northern England and the mints that were located there. After Henry II, the first and strongest of the Plantagenet Kings, was crowned, the Scots were pushed permanently back out of England. When William I of Scotland tried to regain the English lands he was unsuccessful and for several years was a "house guest" of Henry II. There was a more cordial relationship between the next English King, Richard I (the Lionhearted) and William I. However, the next king, John, was not as friendly toward William nor the Scottish inhabitants.

Scotland was one of the last European countries to produce coinage. The earliest coins appear to be imitations of English coins, especially those of King Stephen. The Scottish moneyers during this period appear to have been foreigners.

The coinage of Malcolm and William I can be divided into three groups.

Class I coins were produced by only two mints and are very scarce. Only four examples are known to exist for William I.

Class II coins were produced until 1195 and are more common. We know the exact year when the coinage of this period ended. During the reform of 1195 many mint masters were severely punished by both being castrated and losing their right hand. Most of the coins of the next period are inscribed with the names of the new mint masters.

Class III coins are common and use the three pellet cross on the obverse.

Most Scottish silver coins of this period were produced from English or other foreign coins.

Tom had on display about two dozen medieval English and Scottish coins.

A brief, informative discussion followed on how coins are attributed to a particular monarch when an identical inscription was used by two or more kings.

The organization will vote at the August meeting on admitting a prospective member, Paul Schultz, who has been attending the Society's monthly meetings since April.

The program for the evening was provided by Dick Gaetano on the Liberty Bell. The original 2080 pound bell was cast in London by the Whitechapel Foundry and arrived in the colonies in 1752. After being transported to the PA State House, the bell was tested and a crack split the brim. John Pass and John Stow were contracted to recast the bell. The two prepared a mold of the original bell, shattered the bell into small pieces with a sledge-hammer, melted the metal pieces in a furnace after adding some additional copper, and then recast the bell. The names of Pass and Stow were inscribed on the new bell along with the original inscription. The Biblical passage was modified to "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the Land to all the Inhabitants Thereof."

The bell was used to announce many significant events in the early history of our country--the accession of King George III to the throne, the conclusion of the French and Indian War, the passage of the Stamp Act, the battle at Lexington, the convening of the second Continental Congress, and the Declaration of Independence. During the war, the bell was moved for protection to Allentown, PA where it was stored in the basement of the Zion High German Reformed Church.

It is believed that the bell cracked again as it tolled to mourn the death of Chief Justice John Marshall in 1835. Bolts were added to prevent additional damage, but when it was used to proclaim Washington's birthday on Feb. 22, 1846, the final major crack developed. The Liberty Bell was on display at the Columbian Exposition and other World Fairs. In 1885, it was it sent to New Orleans for the World's Industrial and Cotton Exposition hoping that its presence would help to heal the wounds between the North and South.

The bell is known to most school children and is one of the few historical items that people are encouraged to touch.

Dick had on display a few of the many items that are available to Liberty Bell collectors.

The meeting was adjourned after Show and Tell by a motion by Larry Korchnak, seconded by Chuck Erb.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: July 6, 1999

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Charles Culliton	1. Cory Costo	COMMUNION TOKENS
2. Larry Korchug	2. Paul Schultz	Triple struck Conn. Copper VIDEO: THE GRIMM LADY (STORY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINT)
3. Wayne K. Hansen	3.	
4. Charles N. Erb	4.	
5. Edward A. Brown	5.	Misc. FOREIGN
6. Larry Spibels	6.	
7. Jerry Zwick	7.	
8. Dick Sartano	8.	LIBERTY BELL
9. Ted Shift	9.	Colonial Paper
10. Colleen Kexner	10.	
11. Richard Crady	11.	Political / Paper item
12. Harry Colborn	12.	
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July 12, 1999

As a member in good standing of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, I would like to recommend Paul Schultz from Export, PA for membership in our society. I knew and worked with him (before my retirement) for approximately fifteen years at the Alcoa Technical Center, having experienced with Paul a very friendly and cooperative relationship. He has been interested in numismatics for nearly thirty-five years and is currently a member of the American Numismatic Association and the Pittsburgh Numismatic Society. He appears to have a broad knowledge and a keen interest in Numismatics and, in my opinion, would be a worthwhile addition to our organization.



Charles Culleiton

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, June 1, 1999

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Lycos Office

Program: Annual Business Meeting

May Meeting: A total of 11 members and 1 guest attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by president, Ted Shiff. The minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report: No activity.

Correspondence: Letter received from ANA asking WPNS to be a sponsor at their summer convention in Chicago (August 11-15). Wayne Homren made a motion to donate \$25. Motion seconded by John Burns and approved by the members present.

New Business: Wayne Homren will provide the WPNS flyers for the May 7-9 PAN Show. There will be 126 dealer tables. Programs on Saturday include an EAC meeting, the TAMS swap, and a talk by WPNS member, Ed Krivoniak on "Cleaning and Preserving Coins".

Ted Shiff's coin shop recently moved to Greentree Road (one block from Parkway). Parking in the rear. Ted also had CD's for sale (\$8) listing all the coins that he presently has on the Web. The CD program has search capabilities. Brief report of EAC annual meeting provided by Harry Colburn.

The program on "American Numismatics Before the Civil War" was provided by Wayne Homren. Wayne compared the present state of the hobby with the activity in 1950, 1900, and 1850.

Several events in the 1850's were responsible for the initial growth in the number of collectors. Most important, were the publication of four books, including one by Dickinson (the Red Book of the day), foreign coins no longer being legal tender, and the minting of the first small-size cents. Wayne suggested that the introduction of the new state quarters may help to generate renewed interest in the hobby.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR 6/1/ 19999 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:15 p.m.

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *None available*

2. TREASURER'S Report

Grand Total: \$2,938.02 750.⁰⁰ \$2188.02 total
Life Fund

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nominating Comm. - State of current officers recommended.
Motion to Vote was unanimous
accept report by Chuck Erb ; and by Jerry Veck

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Reports of officers [VP, Treas., Curator]

6. NEW BUSINESS

We need speakers for meetings, esp. Banquet.

2600 at PAN Show.

Ideas for getting new members. Several proposed and we should follow-up on some of Wayne's suggestions.

Also, ideas on getting kids started into Numismatics.

ADJOURNED: 9:45

June 1, 1999

The Vice-Presidents Report

The ⁹⁸⁻1999 year at W.P.S.S. has seen some very sad events. Our Treasurer Jim Groninger has passed away, a very sad loss.

Our programs continued on a very high plain with many informative & educational topics.

The meeting hall has moved to a new location with many thanks to Wayne Hohman for his efforts.

Membership suffers for the many losses we have experienced in recent years

I am hoping we can attract new blood into the organization, Hopefully now that we are on the internet this might happen
looking forward to the organization
as we go into the 21st century

Richard Gaetano
VP

WPNS Treasurer's Report

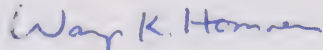
June 1, 1999

Wayne K. Homren

With the death of James Groninger late last year, I took over as WPNS Treasurer. The bank was contacted and new signature cards were drawn up. Outstanding deposits and payments were made, bringing our books back into order. The following table shows a comparison of our balances for the month of June 1998 and 1999.

	June 1998	June 1999
Checking account balance	2123.60	1348.32
+ CD balance	1025.20	1589.70
= TOTAL	3148.80	2938.02
- Life Fund	750.00	750.00
= Regular fund	2398.80	2188.02

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne K. Homren
Treasurer

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 6/1/99

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. <i>Carry Quibb</i>	1.	
2. <i>Wayne Hahn</i>	2.	<i>U.S. Paper Money errors</i>
3. <i>Harry Colborn</i>	3. <i>Mary Colborn</i>	
4. <i>Jerry Veen</i>	4.	
5. <i>Wm. C. Erb</i>	5.	
6. <i>Ed. Kravitz</i>	6.	
7. <i>Jack Hartman</i>	7.	
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, May ^{4th} 1999
Time: 8:00 P.M.
Location: Lycos Office, 3rd Floor
Centre and Morewood Avenues

Program: "American Numismatics Before the Civil War" by Wayne Homren

April Meeting: A total of 10 members and 1 guest attended the meeting at the Carnegie Annex.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by president Ted Shiff.

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: No Report. Statement not yet received.

Correspondence: Letter from Smthye on the Strasburg Show & Auction.
ANA nomination material for Steven Markhoff.

Committees: Wayne Homren prepared information for the WPNS web site. Needs to be transferred.

Old Business: None

New Business: Information on WPNS will be available at the May PAN Show.

A nominating committee of John Burns, Corleen Chesonis, and Pat McBride was selected for the upcoming election of officers.

A program on Chinese Coins was provided by John Burns who used the Carnegie collection of Chinese coins for examples. The first Chinese exchange media was probably cowrie shells (1726 - 1122 BC). Next came spade money (1122 - 255 B. C.) which today are among the rarest of the Chinese coins. Early Chinese coins pre-date the first Lydian coins of the Western Hemisphere by several hundred years. Spade money was followed by bronze knife money (started circa 1000 to 800 B. C.), small size knife money (800 - 400 B. C.) and then Sycee Tael (shoe money). During the period from 118 B. C. to the 5th or 6th century AD, round Shu coins with a square hole was the most common type of coinage. New coinage types were introduced during the Hun dynasty. The most popular coinage of this period was the cash coins having the Tung Pao symbols which were minted in huge numbers. During the early Ming period five mace coins were minted (now scarce).

There are three brief periods in Chinese history when iron coins were minted. No solid evidence exists to explain why iron was used instead of bronze. Two good reference books on Chinese coins are Arthur Coole "Coins in Chinese History" and Fredrik Schjoth "Chinese Currency"

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DATE: 5/4/99

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2. Leo Schiff	2.	C-D
3. D. GAETANO	3.	
4. R. Crosby	4.	
5. H. Colborn	5.	
6. Chuck ERB	6.	Books
7. J. Veeck	7.	
8. John H. Burns	8.	
9. Caldera Chesson	9.	
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 1999

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Location: Lycos Office

(See attached map for directions)

Program: "Coins Not Listed in Catalogues" by Ed Krivoniak

Februarys Meeting: A total of 13 members attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by president Ted Shiff.

The minutes were read and approved after one correction. The name of the gentleman who invented the machine used to letter the edges of coins was Castaing instead of Castling.

There was no treasurer's report. Wayne Homren will visit Mrs. Groninger this week to pick-up the treasurer's books

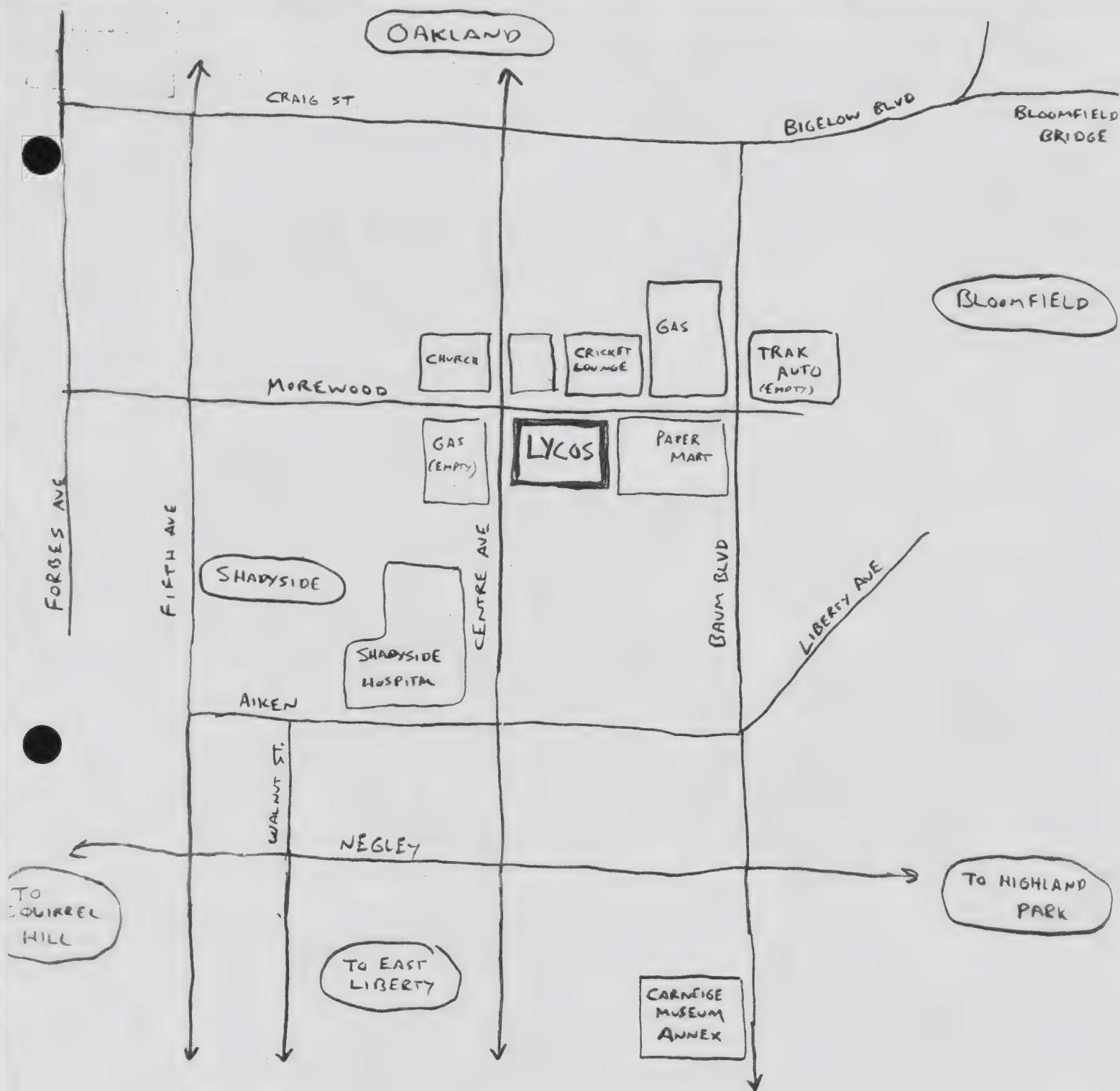
Correspondence: There was no correspondence. Wayne Homren will no longer be able to pick-up the mail from the WPNS post office box. Larry Dziubek agreed to stop at the post office at least once a month.

Committees: Bill Hunter reported on the work he has been doing on the Allegheny token survey. Photos of the tokens and other information were presented to Wayne for storage in the WPNS files.

Old Business: Wayne has received permission to hold the WPNS meetings in the Lycos Offices at Center and Morewood Avenues beginning with the March meeting. (see enclosed map).

New Business: We received a letter form Paul Schultz a resident of Murrysville for information on WPNS. Paul learned of the club from the flyers that were distributed at the last PAN Show. Dick Gaetano reported on a new encased coin from Kramer Brothers Freight Lines, Pittsburgh
Ted Shiff reported on the FUN Show and a few of the new specialized books on U. S. coins.

The program was provided by Rich Crosby on "Lincoln in Numismatics". Rich described the obverse and reverse features of 57 different Lincoln election medals that were on display. There were 18 medals from the 1860 election, 19 medals from the 1864 election, 14 ferrotypes from 1860, and 6 ferrotypes from 1864. Also including in the presentation was information on the metallic composition, the size of the tokens, and the company that produced the medals.



DIRECTIONS TO NEW WPNS MEETING PLACE

CORNER OF CENTRE AVE + MOREWOOD
(BORDER OF OAKLAND + SHADYSIDE)

PARKING AVAILABLE AT METERS ON CENTRE, MOREWOOD + BAUM

3-STORY YELLOW BRICK OFFICE BUILDING

"LYCOS" SIGN ON DOOR - "WISEWIRE" SIGN ON BUILDING

CONFERENCE ROOM IS ON 3RD FLOOR - ENTER FROM STAIRWELL

JUNE 1999

6-1		OPENING BALANCE				1348	32
6-28		MAY INTEREST					1 16
6-27		CHEK #122 Postmaster - Po Box rent			22		
		BALANCES					
		CHECKING				1327	48
		SAVINGS			1589 70		
		LIFE FUND			(750)		
		REGULAR FUND SAVINGS				839	70
		TOTAL REGULAR FUND				2167	18

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

P.O. Box 23404, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-9998



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Time: 8:00 p.m.

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Auction lots donated by Sarann Sloss.
Catalog by Wayne Homren.

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1997

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: Allegheny Bldg., 429 Forbes Ave., 7th Floor

PROGRAM:....."Communion Tokens of Allegheny County"
.....by Charles Culleton

Congratulations to Harry Colburn who recently had his article about the "Bar Copper Cent" published in the Numismatist. Start working on your next or last club talk, and perfect it to the point where you can also have yours published.

The A.N.A. has approved W.P.N.S. to be incorporated into their Internet Web Page. If you have access to the Internet you should check out the page; especially the PAN page that has been built up by Wayne Homren.

Wayne thinks that he has the "Allegheny Project" disk that we were looking for, and he will report his success at our meeting. What is the next step? Should we do another segment, or tackle the biggest part which is merchant trade tokens.

In 1920 Pittsburgh had 27 department stores. Boggs and Buhl was the one that most people remember on the North Side. This business was in operation since 1869, and was located just one block from the Market House. This 'mall' is the thing that most old-timers remember about Allegheny. Did you know that many of the streets had to be renamed after annexation because of duplication. For example Grant street was changed to Galveston. WQED's next neighborhood history program will be premiered Wednesday December 3rd at 8:00, and is titled "NORTH SIDE STORY".

SHOWS:

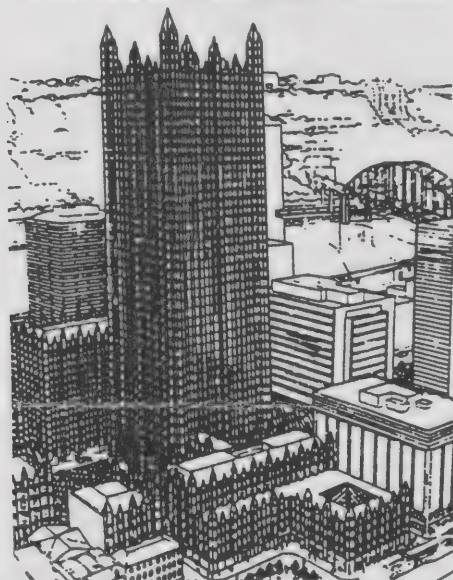
Nov. 28, 1997, Castle Shannon Fire Hall, Rt. 88, 8:00a.m.-3:00

Dec. 7, 1997, Greentree Marriott Hotel, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

...Dec. 14, 1997, Castle Shannon Fire Hall, Rt. 88, 8:00a.m.-3:00

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 1998

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: Carnegie Group Meeting Room

3rd Floor, 5 P. P. G. Place, Gateway Center

Gather after 7:00, Rotating Security Entrance

PROGRAM:....."Annual Business Meeting & Auction".....

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE IS EILEEN AND HARRY, CULLEITON, DZIUBEK, AND GAETANO COMPRISE THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, and they offer the following slate.-

Pres.	Ted Shiff
V-P	Dick Gaetano
Sect.	NEED A CANDIDATE
Treas.	James Groninger
Curator	Wayne Homren

There should be a copy of the 24 lot auction on the reverse of this newsletter. You will be able to inspect the lots prior to the meeting. We will accept written bids from members in advance of the sale if you can't attend this meeting.

The P.A.N. show was a nice event. There were at least 2400 collectors in attendance, and most people who persevered came away with some coins for their collection. We look forward to the even bigger Fall show.

The P.N.S. picnic was moved to June 27th at the same location. Call John Burns if you need directions or have any questions about the affair.

SHOWS:

May 30 Red Rose Coin Club 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, Pa.

June 7 Johnstown Penna. Coin Show 800 Scalp Ave., Rte. 56

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

PITTSBURGH, PENNA.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Please Print)

I hereby apply for membership in the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, and agree if elected to abide by the Society's rules and by-laws.

Name Paul Schultz

Address 5429 Graybrooke Dr

Export PA 15632 Phone 724-325-1994

Business Alcoa Technical Center Position chemist/Engineer

Business Address 100 Technical Dr, Alcoa Center PA

Age 42. I have been interested in numismatics for 35 years, and my present field of interest is very broad. Especially ancient, medieval, U.S. Type, + US minor 1913-1930, colonial US.

I am now a member of the following numismatic or other avocational organizations (Name in full) Pittsburgh Numismatic Society

ANA

The sum of \$ 2⁰⁰ is attached, covering initiation fee and dues for 1977-19²⁰⁰⁰.

Date May 4 19 99

FOR USE OF THE
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Paul Schultz

(Signature of Applicant)

As a member in good standing of the W. P. N. S., I endorse the above applicant for membership and enclose herewith a letter of recommendation.

Charles Cullen

(Signature of Sponsor)

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
1997-1998 Treasurer's Report

As of June 30, 1998, the balance on deposit with Allegheny Valley Bank was \$2,123.60 in an interest bearing checking account and \$1,025.20 in a one year certificate of deposit. Combined balances were \$3,148.80, compared to the preceeding year's balance of \$2,458.23. \$750 was held in the life membership fund for both periods.

Membership in the Society as of June 30, 1998 was 29, a decline of one from the preceeding year due to non-pyament of dues.

Other assets of the Society include a number of books, journals and medals, the exact number of each is not presently known. The Treasurer suggests that the custodians of such Society assets submit a brief inventory of same annually as of June 30 so that they may be included in the annual report. Club photographs which remain unsold were transferred to the curator for selective retention.

The statement of income and expenses for the period is set forth below:

INCOME		Expenses	
Dues	170	Postage	184.69
Sale of books	49.90	P.O. box rent	60.00
Interest	51.65	Program prinying	31.27
Auction proceeds	692.00		
Dinner profit	9.67		
Totals	\$973.22		\$275.95

The year's activity was improved due to increased interest on deposits and the absence of bank service charges. Dues collection was very good, as a number of delinquent members have now paid up, but comparison with last year's due collection is not accurate because we began collecting the 1998-99 dues in May instead of June. Expenses for donations and memorial gifts were not required in the period. The most signifigant aspect of the past fiscal year was the donation by Mrs. Sloss of her late husband's WPNS and other numismatic material, which were auctioned in June for a total of \$692.00.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Groninger
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Treasurer

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June 2, 1998

To the members of W.P.N.S

The month of June is the end of the year for the offices of WPNS. In looking back over the past 12 months, the Society continues its tradition of fine educational programs and plenty of good fellowship among the members.

We could use a few new members to continue our growth and new ideas "

The hopes I have is that the Society continues to attract the numismatic minded and can publish the Allegheny project, in whole or in part, as the subject material is long overdue

I have enjoyed my two years as President and I know my successor will keep the tradition on track

Richard Gaetano
Pres.

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society Curator's Report

Wayne K. Homren

June 2, 1998

The WPNS Archives were moved to my new address last year. They are currently stored in seven cardboard boxes, with the exception of the early minute and record books, which are stored in my office for greater protection against humidity or fire. These are on display at the meeting tonight. The three file drawers which previously housed the archives are also here. I propose the following:

1. Dispose of the file drawers at tonight's meeting
2. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$200 for new conservation and storage materials. The money would be spent for archival sheet protectors, binders, and new plastic storage containers to better protect the Archives from dampness and humidity. The Archives would be stored on a new heavy-duty shelving unit, which has already been purchased at my own expense.

My plan is to place an inventory of the Archives on the new WPNS Internet Site, as well as scanned images of selected important documents and photos.

Respectfully submitted,

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: JUNE 2, 1998

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Gary Grubel	1.	
2. Dick Gattano	2.	
3. Ellen Kamischke	3.	
4. Henry Calboun	4.	
5. Jim Kroming	5.	
6. Keith Grel	6.	
7. Jim Carlson	7.	
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9. Charles Culliton	9.	
10. Arlene Chesnes	10.	
11. Wayne Horn	11.	Denomination set 1864 Confederate Money 100 CUB ENGLISH POTAGE STAMP
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR May 5, 1998 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:00

1. MINUTES of previous meetings *of March & April Minutes Read & Accepted as Read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report

^{CHECKING}		^{CD}	^{TOTAL}
\$1390.81	+	1025.20	= 2,416.01

Dues for this year are now payable.

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Audit - Harry Colburn & Eileen Kaminsky
Nominating - Skip Culleton & Larry Ginzberg & Dick Portaro

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Dutch Auction on Internet
KAIROS @ GFORCE.COM.COM

6. NEW BUSINESS

PNS picnic changed to June 27th.

Business Meeting in June will be at PPG and we will continue to meet there from now on.

Auction will take place.

Program: Coins of the New Testament by Ted Shiff

ADJOURNED: 9:30

Culleton
Gasby

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4. Rick Krutz	4.	
5. Eileen Kennedy	5.	
6. Jerry Vreck	6.	
7. Di. Baetano	7.	
8. Jim Carlucci	8.	
9. ED RIVONIAK	9.	NEW ZEALAND COINS BELGIAN PROCLAMATIONS
10. Jim Hovington	10.	
11. Charles Culleton	11.	Communion Tokens Foreign Crowns
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TIME: 8:00

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *None available*
 2. TREASURER'S Report *None*

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mrs. James Stass donated some medals and badges to the society, and they will be auctioned off at the June meeting by Wayne, and the proceeds will go to our Treasury. You will get a list in the mail.

4. CORRESPONDENCE - *Nothing of importance.*

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

1 1/2 years of speakers certificates were received from the A.N.A. and will be distributed at May meeting.
 W.P.N.S. Web site will be started this month by Wayne.

6. NEW BUSINESS

P.N.S. will host a Picnic on June 20th at the same location;
 call John Burns if you can attend. [changed to 27th]

Program by Burns & Hornsby on "Carnegie's Pattern Coins" -
 5 were from Stass, 5 were donated anonymously

ADJOURNED:

W.P. NS. Meeting

April 7, 1998

Minutes

Meeting Called to order by Pres. R. ~~Gallo~~ Gaetano. At 8:00 PM D.S.T.

100 Minutes Read

100 Treasurers Report

- Received From ANA 1 1/2 yr. of Certificates to be Given out at Next Meeting

WPNs-Web Site to Be Started This Month by Wayne

Correspondence- Nothing of Importance

Wayne. Jim Sloss WPNs Medals - Auction to be in June - Proceeds to the Society - Mail out List to Members

PNS - Picnic June 20th Same location - Call John Burns if you can Attend

Program - Wayne + John. Pattern US Coins - 5 Sloss Coin + 5 Anas

W P N S

APRIL 7, 1998

MEMBERS

R. Gaetano

Jim Kronger

Harry Colborn

Gerry Veeck

EXHIBIT

medals

John H. Burns

Richard Gierke

(not a Darn thing)

ED KENNEDY

BEST OF LOCATOR
NEW ZEALAND, PROPHETIC

TED SWIFF

Wayne K. Hornen

selection of literature on U.S. pattern coins

GUESTS

(James B. Richardson, PhD)

(Deb. Harding)

} Carnegie Museum

● Making a bigger difference

3-8-98

Hampton gets new assistant superintendent

By Courtney Cairns
Staff writer

HAMPTON: A week after taking his place as second in command in the Hampton School District, Lawrence Korchnak still had some unfinished business to complete at his old school.

"I trash-talked all the eighth-grade boys before I left," said Korchnak, former principal at Beaver Area Middle School. The taunts left him with a date to play in the faculty-middle school basketball game Friday night, despite starting a new job five days earlier.

On the day of his game, Korchnak sat behind his desk in an administrator-appropriate gray suit, a tie knotted around his neck, three degrees framed on his walls. But his personality would come through on the basketball court as he joked with pupils and immersed himself in the action.

That's where he likes to be.

"I want to be highly visible and accessible. I like to be out working with people," Korchnak said. "They may be surprised to see so much of me."

As Hampton's new assistant superintendent, Korchnak handles special education, curriculum, technology and counseling. Although he has not formed specific goals beyond learning more about the district, he plans to be in the classrooms to see how pupils learn and achieve.

His job at Beaver Area often lasted into the night.

"He's constantly out in the evenings at board meetings, parent meetings, faculty basketball games, banquets," said his son, Larry, a Latin teacher at Hopewell High School. "He loves those."

Hampton also can expect some surprises from the man that former pupils called "Dr. K." Korchnak has a reputation for impromptu jazz piano sessions with pupils and galloping through the halls wearing reindeer antlers.

One of his close friends and colleagues at Beaver Area spent the past week "walking around like a lost little puppy dog," said his former secretary, Judy Roman. "We miss him."

But the school is not far from him. Three suncatchers — an apple on a pile of books, a rabbit and a yellow tulip — decorate his



ERIC CURTIS BOND, staff photographer

Lawrence Korchnak, the new assistant superintendent at Hampton School District, says he likes to remain visible and accessible on the job.

Hampton School District

windows at the Hampton administration building along Mount Royal Boulevard. Special-education pupils at Beaver Area designed, created and sold the suncatchers.

Korchnak will miss interacting with pupils more than anything, he said. So why would the former teacher take another job in administration?

"I felt like I could make a bigger difference," Korchnak said, and then shrugged. "Maybe that's an idealistic streak that I have."

Korchnak, 51, started his education career 30 years ago at his alma mater, St. Vincent Preparatory School in Latrobe. He likes to say that his first philosophy pupils learned in spite of him, not because of him, even though former pupils have told him his class made a

difference in their lives.

"In my fourth or fifth year, I began to be touched by my students, and they were touched by me," Korchnak said.

That coincided with the start of his law school career at Duquesne University in 1970. For two years, he took law classes at night while supporting himself by teaching during the day.

He began to reconsider his decision to become a lawyer, as he realized he wanted a job where he would spend time with people instead of law books.

"I prefer the people profession that education is," Korchnak said. "This is where I was feeling the greatest sense of gratification."

His parents, owners of a small grocery store in Springdale, instilled an appreciation of education in him since he was young. "It wasn't 'if' I went to college. It was 'when,'" Korchnak said.

He received an undergraduate degree in philosophy from Georgetown University in 1968,

North Hills Notables

Lawrence Korchnak

- **Age:** 51.
- **Residence:** Hopewell.
- **Family:** Wife, Karen, a business teacher at Fort Cherry High School, and a son, Larry, a Latin teacher at Hopewell High School.
- **Job:** New assistant superintendent for Hampton School District, appointed Feb. 18. He is the former principal of Beaver Area Middle School.
- **Training:** In addition to three degrees, Korchnak has training in Pennsylvania school law, conflict mediation and student assistance and intervention.

where he was an acquaintance of Bill Clinton. He then received a master's in secondary guidance and counseling from Duquesne University and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

His professional experience also followed twists and turns — from a philosophy, speech, ethics and social studies teacher to a guidance counselor to assistant principal and then principal and development coordinator at Beaver Area Middle School.

He even considered going into the seminary before he proposed to Karen, now his wife.

Outside of the schools, Korchnak has a love for "stuff." An avid collector, he has accumulated an eclectic assortment of coins, medals, old newspapers and documents, autographs and even meteorites. He boasts a autographed poster of B.B. King as well as artifacts from ancient Rome and Egypt.

The unifying theme: "Everything has a story," Korchnak said.

They are stories he often shares through freelance articles for coin-collecting publications and on "Money Talks" vignettes for National Public Radio.

"I like to share what I know and do," Korchnak said. "That's how I keep current."

deaths of their relatives. We do not charge for this service.

If you would like an obituary to appear in the News Record, please call your funeral home or call us directly at one of the numbers listed below.

We will publish names of survivors, memorials and biographical information. We encourage you to provide us with a recent photograph.

The deadlines to publish an obituary are:

Sunday-Thursday: 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 7 p.m.

Our telephone numbers are:

(724) 772-7304

1-800-874-9994

Our fax number is:

(724) 772-3915

2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today and Monday at T.B. Devlin Funeral Home, 806 Perry Highway, Ross, where services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Thaddeus Maida presiding. Burial will be in Uniondale Cemetery, North Side.

Barney Kosik Sharon Steel laborer

Barney Kosik died Saturday, March 7, 1998, at the Wexford House, McCandless.

Born in Budapest, Hungary, he was a laborer at J&L Steel and also worked on the Monongahela Connecting Railroad. He was a member of the Victory No. 33 Italian Sons and Daughter of America and the Transportation Communication International Union Local 9075. He was an usher at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, North Side.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Kujawski Kosik; two sons, Bernard Kosik of Toledo, Ohio, and Joseph Kosik of Cranberry; two daughters, Evelyn Tylenda of Pine and Marge Siemon of Brookline; one sister, Helen Kronland of New Mexico; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at George A. Thoma Funeral Home, 10418 Perry Highway, McCandless. Christian Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Alexis Roman Catholic Church, McCandless, with the Rev. Stephen Palsa presiding. Burial will be in North Side Catholic Cemetery, Ross.

Ralph E. Scheller Ross World War II veteran

Ralph E. Scheller, 74, died Saturday, March 7, 1998, at St. Francis Nursing Center North, Cranberry.

Born July 24, 1923, in Pittsburgh, Mr. Scheller was a carpenter. An Army veteran of World War II, he was past commander and past president of West View Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2754.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Hart Scheller; two daugh-

in North Side Catholic Cemetery, Ross.

May G. Post Shaler Homemaker

May G. Post, 93, died Friday, March 6, 1998, at UPMC Passavant, McCandless.

Born Oct. 27, 1904, in Atlanta, she was the daughter of the late George and Lottie Folsom Graves. She was a former resident of the Vincentian Home, McCandless.

Survivors include Richard Post and other dear friends.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at Bock Funeral Home, 1500 Mount Royal Blvd., Shaler, where funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Pamela Rae Maloney presiding. Burial will be in Mount Royal Cemetery, Shaler.

Betty T. Kimmerling Ross Housewife

Betty T. Kimmerling, 94, died Thursday, March 5, 1998, at Manor Care Nursing Home, Ross.

Born Jan. 14, 1904, in Pittsburgh, she was the daughter of the late Emil Thackeray and Sara Rush.

Survivors include her niece, Donna Ray Connors of Acme; and a nephew, Frank W. Thackeray of Louisville, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry M. Kimmerling.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at McDonald-Linn Funeral Home, 529 California Ave., Avalon, where services will be at 11 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Robert T. Downs presiding. Burial will be in Lakewood Memorial Gardens, Indiana Township.

Laura A. Miller Hampton Homemaker

Laura A. Miller, 75, died Thursday, March 5, 1998, at St. Francis Medical Center, Pittsburgh.

Born March 22, 1922, in Etna, she was the daughter of the late Emil and Ann A. Zimmerman.

Survivors include one son, Scott T. Miller of Hampton; one daughter, Bonnie L. Hall of Hampton; one sister, Edith Stevenson of Sarver; and four grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John K. Miller.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at Bock Funeral Home, 1500 Mount Royal Blvd., Shaler. Christian Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Trinity United Church of Christ, 524 Saxonburg Blvd., Dorseyville, with the Rev. Carl J. Richter presiding. Burial will be in Dorseyville Cemetery, Indiana Township.

Cranberry received four awards for its entries in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors "Citizens Report Contest."

The township received three first-place awards:

■ "Official Secrets: 1996 Annual Report to the Community," in the annual reports category.

■ "Growth and Serenity," a publication about the township's development plans, in the other publications category.

■ The township's Internet home page, in the communications media-home page category.

Also, the township finished second in the other publications category for "Doing Business in Cranberry Township," an informational brochure for new businesses.

Entries were judged on the usefulness of information presented and how well the information was communicated, according to Ginni Linn, director of communication for the supervisors' association.

CRANBERRY Supervisors OK tent for Butler Auto Auction

Butler Auto Auction will have its tent. The Cranberry supervisors approved plans Thursday for a 640-square-foot tent to be erected at the Route 19 auto auction.

The tent, which will have to comply with building code regulations, will house a dent-removal service for cars sold at the auction.

MARS Alzheimer's support group to meet for open forum

The Alzheimer's Family Support Group will meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. March 15 in Vesper Hall at Lutheran Affiliated Services St. John Speciality Care Center.

The forum will be an open discussion.

For details, call Beth Mulvaney at (724) 625-1571, Ext. 4748.

McCANDLESS Doctor to share stories about mission to Nigeria

Hear heart-warming stories from

Across the North Hills

physicians who are making a difference in the lives of people in Third World countries at 7:30 p.m. March 31 at Northland Public Library, 3 Cumberland Road.

Dr. Robert Ford of UPMC Passavant will share his experiences as part of the World Health Mission. Ford and his wife, Karen, recently led a team of physicians on the second trip to Nigeria.

Registration is required.

For details or to register, call (412) 366-8100.

PITTSBURGH Nursing school to offer program information

St. Margaret School of Nursing will have "Question and Answer Days" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 19 at UPMC St. Margaret, 815 Freeport Road.

These informational sessions will provide insight into the registered nurse diploma program at St. Margaret School of Nursing.

Individual counseling sessions also will be offered. Counseling sessions will last about 30 minutes. Reservations are suggested, and participants may choose a time that best accommodates their schedules.

For details and reservations, call (412) 784-4980.

RICHLAND St. Barnabas plans contest for songwriters

The St. Barnabas Charitable Foundation will have a "Young Songwriters' Contest" for Founder's Day fundraising program.

High school and college students 14 to 20, who can compose a song, play it on the piano and sing, will compete for a chance to play for Barnabas Hance Awardee, Steve Allen.

The winner of the contest will perform at a private reception at the Founder's Day event April 23.

Students are asked to compose

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR March 3, 1998 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:00

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *were read & accepted as read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report

CHECKING
\$ 1389.48 + *ED* \$ 1025.20 = \$ 2414.68

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ANA Blank Program Award sheets were turned over to the president.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Allegheny Project was discussed as to purpose and work that needs to be done.

Hist. Soc. dues will be due soon.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Audit & Nominating Committees in April.

*Garry Dzielick gave program on Allegheny County
Score Takers.*

ADJOURNED: 9:45

*Colborn
Shiff*

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: March 3, 1998

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. <i>Garry Gindler</i>	1.	
2. <i>Chuck Erb</i>	2.	
3. <i>Dee Gastano</i>	3.	
4. <i>Tom St...</i>	4.	<i>Currency</i>
5. <i>Jim Kr...</i>	5.	
6. <i>Ellen Kam...</i>	6.	
7. <i>Jerry Weech</i>	7.	
8. <i>John H. Burns</i>	8.	
9. <i>Harry Colburn</i>	9.	<i>Coinclad medal</i>
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR FEB. 3, 1998 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:05

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *Read + Accepted as read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report

$\$1987.41 + 1024.75 = \2412.16
CHECKING CD

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

check into "Speakers' Certificates" from ANA.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Wayne checked out the Allegheny Project Disc and printed a good copy of same. It is quite lengthy and will require much updating.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Dick Gasby gave his talk on U.S. Sales Tax Tokens.

ADJOURNED: 9:40

J. Barnes

H. Colburn

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: FEB. 3, 1998

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Gary Gimbels	1.	
2. Charles Cullerton	2.	
3. Charles N. Erb	3.	
4. John D. Burns	4.	
5. Eileen K. Komack	5.	
6. H. W. Colborn	6.	
7. Ed Byronscale	7.	4 medals
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11. J. Veeck	11.	Lincoln "stuff"
12. [Signature]	12.	Key Tokens
13. Fred [Signature]	13.	Coin / T shirts
14. Wayne K. [Signature]	14.	Prospectus for H.P. Smith sale of the D. Morris collection
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR Jan. 6, 1998 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:05

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *Read & Accepted as read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report

Actually made \$9.20 on the dinner meeting.

$\$1405.94$ ^{CHECKING} + $\$1024.75$ ^{CD} = 2430.69 ^{TOTAL}

We are 3-4 hundred below the "high water" mark of our Treasury.

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- one Bank Note Book purchased by mail.*
- We are moving up in the cue of clubs to enter data to the Web.*

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

- South Hills Coin Club show will be Jan. 31 - Feb. 1*
 - PAN Show plans on schedule for Mother's Day 1998.*
- A vote was taken & NOT submit an Ad for the AWA Midwinter Show Program.*

ADJOURNED: 9:35

~~KRIVON~~
L. KORCHWAK
T. FORT

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: Jan. 6, 1998

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Larry Grubbs	1. Cory Costo	
2. Alex Battano	2. Gary Fort	
3. Richard Craley	3.	Status Plaque & Ticket
4. Jim Kroninger	4.	
5. Ed Krivonjak	5.	Misc. Medals & Internet Document
6. Corleen Chesaris	6.	
7. Bill Hunter	7.	
8. Larry Kordina	8.	Letter sent by balloon's siege of Paris 1870
9. Tim Fort	9.	
10. Charles Culleton	10.	
11. Wayne Hornen	11.	Young, The United States Mint 1903 Egan, The Ancient Egyptian Scarab
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The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

P.O. Box 23404, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-9998



MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 1997

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Allegheny Bldg., 429 Forbes Ave., 7th Floor

PROGRAM: "THE COINS OF SAN MARINO".....Pat Pugliano

At the last meeting a motion was passed to contribute \$250.00 to the ANA on behalf of the Rodger Hershey Fund for establishing his name on the "People's Choice Medal" for exhibit winners. An ANA vote to accept this proposal will be made in March at the Cleveland mid-winter show, providing the full amount is contributed by that time. Individuals may contribute toward the goal if they so desire. More details will be available at the meeting.

There seems to be a lot of new coin issues that are bimetallic in composition. The newest addition will be the British two pound coin that will be released in late 1997. This could be an interesting area to collect

SHOWS:

Jan. 18-19 West Penn Coin Club Show at New Harmar House
Freeport Road (Turnpike Exit 5) Cheswick 10 am
ANA Midwinter Show in Cleveland March 20-22, 1997

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR Dec. 2 1997 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:12

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *Read & accepted as read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report

Sept. \$1519.32 + \$1,000 = \$2519.32
Oct. 1524.40 + 1,000 = \$2524.40
Nov. 1425.14 + ~~1,000~~ = ~~\$2425.14~~
1,024.75 = \$2549.89

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Wayne Homsen has the disks from the Allegheny Project. (for sure)*
- One Bank Note book was sold by mail.*
- Plans for the WPNS Web site are being made, but we must wait our turn to actually input the data.*

4. CORRESPONDENCE

ANA Winter Show : March 19-21, 1998 in Cincinnati, Ohio

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

Jan. 17-18 West Penn Coin Club Show

*Skip Culleton gave his program on the "Communion
Takens of Allegheny County"*

ADJOURNED: 9:45

Ed Krivoniak
Jerry Veeck

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: Dec. 2, 1997

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. R Gaetano	1. BOSIA FORT	
2. J. Veeck	2.	1825 Farthing
3. Allen Kammerling	3.	
4. Jim Groninger	4.	USA type coins, R. Rodolosa
5. Chuck Erb	5.	
6. Garry Spiehl	6.	
7. John G. Burns	7.	
8. Duane Colborn	8.	
9. R. G. Gandy	9.	
10. W. C. M. M. M.	10.	
11. Charles Cullerton	11.	
12. Colleen Chernio	12.	
13. Edward A. Brown	13.	CHRISTINA MEDAL PCGS BOOK, NEW ZEALAND COINS
14. BOSIA FORT	14.	
15. Ted Shuff	15.	Tokens / Cents
16. Wayne Horn	16.	14 WARRIS ENLARGED POSTAGE STAMP
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The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

P.O. Box 23101, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-9998



MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, December 3, 1996

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Allegheny Bldg., 429 Forbes Ave., 7th Floor

PROGRAM: "COLLECTING LAPEL PINS".....Dick Crosby

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BATTLE OF THE THAMES

DO THE THREE ARROWS on the reverse of
the Morgan dollar honor the three braves
who volunteered to kill a rival chief?
Probably not, but it made for a good story.

"Few know why there are three arrow-
heads on a silver dollar," an Aug. 15, 1904
press dispatch from Muskogee, Indian
Territory, said. "But there is an Indian
legend as to how they came there, which is
associated with the flag of the Quapaw
nation, now attracting attention in the
Territory Building at the world's fair.

"This flag is the property of Joseph
McCoonse. It has been handed down from
his great-great-grandfather, Superneau
McCoonse. The flag was carried by
Tecumseh in his long campaign and was
taken from his dead body after the Battle
of the Thames.

"In this campaign there were allied
with General Harrison the Peorias,
Kaskaskias and Piankashas, nations that
once helped rule Canada, New York and
part of Pennsylvania, the fragments of
which are now gathered in the Quapaw
nation and number less than 200.

"The night before the battle a council
was called. A man volunteered from each
of these tribes to kill Tecumseh the next
day. The battle followed and Tecumseh
was killed. His followers tried to take his
body down the river in a boat that night,
but the three watchful enemies were too
alert and surprised the party.

"They failed to obtain the body of
Tecumseh, but succeeded in getting the
flag which was wrapped around his body.
It was cut with many bullet and arrow
holes. This flag fell to Superneau
McCoonse and has been handed down in
his family every since. The flag is of flannel,
made after the design of the British
flag of that day. It is hand sewed, being
made by the squaws of Tecumseh's tepee."

BITTER TORIES

THE LATE COINS columnist Maurice
Gould theorized that the Washington
"Ugly Head" cent may have been created
by a group of Tories, still bitter about their
defeat by George Washington's army, as
they were preparing to leave for Canada.

IN HOT DEMAND

IN 1861, CONGRESS authorized the
production of Demand Notes, to be signed
by the Register of the Treasury and the
U.S. Treasurer. According to legend,
Treasurer Francis Spinner spent hours on a
broiling August afternoon signing sheets
of the paper money. Realizing that he did
not have enough notes ready to pay a
single regiment, he ordered clerks to take
over the chore.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR Oct. 1997 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:10

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *Read & accepted as read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report *None available.*

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES *WPNS will be allowed to go on to the ANA Internet Web ~~site~~ site. Wayne will be telling us more on this in future meetings.*

4. CORRESPONDENCE *Harry Colburn had his article on the "Bar Cent" in the Numismatist. Nice job Harry.*

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS *Barquet sign up should be done at the meeting tonight. The speaker will be selling his book at the dinner for those who like W. B. history, and fonts.*

6. NEW BUSINESS *Jim Groninger had another heart attack, but he is doing pretty good.*

Dick Goetano gave his program on president "Taddy Roosevelt"

ADJOURNED: 9:30

*Burns
Colburn*

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: Oct 1997

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. <u>Carry Gribble</u>	1.	
2. <u>John D. Burns</u>	2.	
3. <u>Ed Reissner</u>	3.	<u>World Medals</u>
4. <u>Harvey Colburn</u>	4.	
5. <u>1st SH</u>	5.	<u>Currency/Comms</u>
6. <u>Chuck Ed</u>	6.	
7. <u>Jerry Veeck</u>	7.	<u>Brabant - antwerp 1637</u>
8. <u>Wayne K. Honnen</u>	8.	<u>Craig, Newton at the Mint</u>
9. <u>Corlaen Chesonis</u>	9.	
10. <u>Charles C. Weston</u>	10.	
11. <u>Dick Hartman</u>	11.	<u>T. Roosevelt exhibit</u>
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR Sept 2, 1997 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:15

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *Read + accepted as read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report

TOTAL	CD	
2492.29		
2519.32	1,000.00	1519.32

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Video programs available to distribute to schools & libraries.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

www.Money.ORG ~~CLUB~~ PAN.HTML

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

Tom Fort is beginning to work on WPNS Journal.

Program: Wayne Horvath 'Cowboys of the West during the Civil War'

ADJOURNED: 9:40

*Kivoniak
Korchmak*

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: SEPT 2, 1997

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Larry Glinicki	1. Cory Costo	
2. Ed Krivonozak	2.	N.A. COINS ANA AUCTION COINS &
3. Ed Krivonozak	3.	
4. Rickard Grealy	4.	Mix US Paper & M Book
5. Jerry Treack	5.	Eng. coins & tokens
6. J. S. Shiff	6.	Scales & Weights
7. Jim Brontner	7.	
8. Wayne K. Horn	8.	19th century coin auction Catalogs
9. Rex Hartman	9.	1926 SESQUI POLICE BADGE & CAP BADGE
10. Tom Fort	10.	
11. Corleen Chesonis	11.	
12. Charles Cullerton	12.	COMMUNION TOKENS
13. Larry Borth	13.	Frege Medal; ANA stuff
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR Aug 5, 1997 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:05

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *Read and accepted as read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report

TOTAL
\$ 2402.29

LIFE FUND
\$ 750.00

GENERAL
1742.29

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

ANA Tapes are beginning their distribution & Libraries, etc. Anyone that needs them see Ted Shiff.
Motion to raise dues has been tabled until a later meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to place \$750⁰⁰ life fund plus \$250⁰⁰ into a Certificate of Deposit at ~~North Side~~ ^{Allegheny Valley} Bank. Motion passed.

Motion to put W.P.N.S. on the ANA Web Page of the Inter Net. Motion passed.

Ted Shiff and John Burns spoke about the New York ANA

ADJOURNED: 10:00

PROGRAM:

*History & coinage of Heise-Cassel by Corleone / Burns
Chesoni / Cullerton*

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: Aug 5, 1997

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Larry Grubel	1.	
2. E. Tomlinson Fort	2.	BOOKS + COINS
3. ED KRIVONIAK	3.	MANY COINS
4. A Colburn	4.	—
5. T. Shift	5.	BUCKLES / MEDALS COINS
6. T. Gaetano	6.	
7. J. Keech	7.	tokens
8. Wayne Hamren	8.	6 US. change coins
9. Jim Browning	9.	1577 Goringen siege coin
10. John H. Burns	10.	
11. Jerry Porter	11.	
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR July 1, 1997 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:10

1. MINUTES of previous meeting

Read and accepted as read

2. TREASURER'S Report

Total	Life	Regular
\$2458.23	\$750.00	\$1708.23

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Audit Committee: (Burns & Homren) found no errors in Treasurer's Records.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Videos (45) were received from the AWA. Ted Shiff has custody and any who want to deliver them to local library can plan to do so next month.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made to raise dues to \$10.00 by Ted Shiff
Seconded by Bill Komery

John Burns will cast the club's ballot for the AWA election.

Chuck Erb is in Allegheny General Hosp. after a triple by-pass operation. We should send a card.

Paul Sheets passed away on June 28th. We should send a card.

ADJOURNED:

Program: Ed Krivonizki - on U.S. Nickels

Krivonizki
Burns

9:50

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: July 1, 1997

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Larry Gyibeli	1.	
2. William Ramey	2.	
3. Ellen Ramey	3.	
4. Harry Corbin	4.	
5. Dick Gaetano	5.	
6. Wayne Holmman	6.	
7. Richard Crosby	7.	
8. Ed Krimmle	8.	
9. John D. Burns	9.	
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1996 Rodger E. Hershey Memorial Auction

Lot 1: "Grading Mint State U.S. Coins" 88 minute video with J.P. Martin, produced in 1992. Learn the basics of grading mint-state coins from senior numismatist and authenticator for ANAAB. Special emphasis on Morgan dollars, Walking Liberty halves, type coins, and gold. On sale by ANA for \$39.95. Never viewed. (MB \$25)

Lot 2: 1947 USSR State Bank Notes Four colorful and attractive bank notes that were legal tender in the Soviet Union between 1947 and 1961. Issued in an attractive binder by The Bank for Foreign Trade of the USSR. (MB \$12)

Lot 3: The Coin Makers by Thomas W. Becker Highly readable and nicely illustrated book on the world-wide manufacture of coins. Great to curl up with in front of the fireplace on a snowy January evening. (Beats a sharp stick in the eye, anyway.) ©1969 and still in excellent condition with original paper jacket. (MB \$12)

Lot 4: Ladies Watch Manufactured by Sutton. Face is surrounded by 5 points of diamonds set so they appear like more. Great inexpensive dress watch. Ideal for a young teenager or for that woman you're living with whose name you can't remember. (MB \$15)

Lot 5: 1987 Cathedral of Learning Medal in Silver (Medallic Arts) Here's a chance to own a piece of history. No serious Pittsburgh collection can be absent it. This is the University's official Bicentennial medal, and at 11+ troy ounces is by far *the largest* college medal in sterling silver known to this cataloger. (Second largest is the elusive 1937 Cathedral Medal.) A rarity! Only 15 were made. Comes in original box with display stand. This is 10/15. (MB \$160)

Lot 6: Coin World Trivia Issued in 1985 by Amos Press at \$17.95. Contains over 2500 questions and answers using novice and expert levels of numismatic skills. A must for the team preparing itself for a World Series of Numismatics competition. Nearly in mint condition. (MB \$16)

Lot 7: "Money: History in Your Hands" Video by ANA and PNG, narrated by James Earl Jones. Entertainment for the whole family, not just numismatists. Runs for about an hour. (Close enough for government work.) Never viewed. (MB \$15)

Lot 8: Silver Spoon Beautiful piece of flatware fashioned in the 1890-1910 period by the Watson & Newell Company of Attleboro, Massachusetts. Engraved on the handle to "Elsa," but most notable for the delicious hand engraving of the Pittsburgh Courthouse in its larger-than-average bowl. In any spoon auction this beauty would bring \$25 or more. (MB \$25)

Lot 9: Proof-Like Coin Sets of the Soviet Union Bound elegantly, each of four sets (1974-1977) contains nine coins in denominations from One Kopek to One Rouble. All sets are sealed in plastic. Issued by Paramount Coin Company. (MB \$16)

Lot 10: Entertainment '97 Here's a terrific last-minute Christmas gift. Contains hundreds of 2 for 1 or 50% off deals at some of Pittsburgh's finest restaurants and most exciting entertainment complexes. Keep it for yourself and you'll be busier than a cat covering s in an asphalt parking lot, or a one-legged man in an a-kicking contest. Sells for \$30. (MB \$28)

Lot 11: "The Story of Yellowstone National Park" Marvel at "Old Faithful" erupting, abundant wildlife, and thundering waterfalls. You're in for 65 minutes of excitement. Produced by Qestar Video in 1991. (MB \$15)

Lot 12: Rare Edison Amberol Record Original four-minute recording of "The Washington Post" by Sousa's Band. ©1908 by the National Phonograph Company of Orange, NJ. A true antique! Ex Emerson Smith (MB \$16)

Lot 13: Statue of Liberty Centennial Medal Issued by the American Numismatic Society in 1985 in bronze with vertigris patina. Oval shape and *very* heavy. Numbered 79 out of a total issue of 500. (MB \$24)

Lot 14: Frank Gasparro Liberty Silver Proof In 1990 Bowers and Merena gave Frank Gasparro a chance to show the world what *he* had wanted to put on the obverse of the "agony" dollar. These 1.11 ounce silver proofs were issued at \$25. (MB \$23)

Lot 15: "Detecting Counterfeit and Altered U.S. Coins" 160 minute ANA video featuring J.P. Martin. An advanced course in coin fakes and frauds. Filled with full screen images and close-up pictures to show exactly what to look for when checking a coin's authenticity. Retail at \$39.95. (MB \$25)

Lot 16: First and Last Set of REH PAN Elongates! In 1990 Rodger Hershey chose the Cathedral of Learning and in 1996 a Heinz 57 bottle to adorn the PAN elongates. Here's your chance to be one of the *very* few to own a complete set from the two years that includes an SBA Dollar. Why, you'll be slicker than a cat's whiskers! (MB \$25)

OBITUARIES

RODGER E. HERSHEY

Outgoing, funny, and proud Marine

By Matthew P. Smith
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

At 5 feet 7 inches tall and of medium build, he may not have looked like the prototypical Marine, but Rodger E. Hershey of Penn Hills devoted 30 years to the U.S. Marine Corps, rising from an enlisted man to lieutenant colonel.

And although he had retired more than 25 years ago, the Marine motto, *Semper Fidelis* — "always faithful" — stayed with him. The license plate on his Mercury Marquis told his story: USMC 30.

Mr. Hershey died Friday of complications from lung disease at St. Margaret Memorial Hospital. He was 73.

He was an outgoing man who loved a game of gin rummy and striking up conversations with strangers. He especially enjoyed talking to children, but he also loved to tell jokes that were on the salty side.

The spicier punch lines invariably brought the same response from his wife of 53 years, Dorothea, who would roll her eyes and exclaim in mock exasperation, "Rodger!"

Mr. Hershey and his wife made Marine Corps history when they married in July 1943. It was believed to be the first time in history that two Marines got married.

It happened this way:

Mr. Hershey was at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, after being stationed in the Panama Canal Zone. Dorothea Dailey, a young woman from Great Bend, Kan., had enlisted in the Marines and was sent to Camp Lejeune after boot camp.

Her boot camp instructor was a friend of Mr. Hershey, then a buck sergeant, and asked her to look up his friend and say hello.

They met and went out on a date. Ten weeks later, they were married, but first they had to get the corps' permission.

"We found out later that we were



Rodger and Dorothea Hershey of Penn Hills, Christmas 1995.

included in a pictorial history of Camp Lejeune," Mrs. Hershey said.

She was promoted to staff sergeant the day before the wedding, meaning the bride outranked the groom. "I told him I didn't sew my chevrons on my wedding dress," she said.

Mrs. Hershey's Marine Corps career didn't last long. She became pregnant a few months later with their first child, Suzanne. "You couldn't serve and be pregnant," Mrs. Hershey said.

Suzanne Hershey Ford was 2½ months old when her father shipped overseas. The next time he saw his daughter, she was 2½ years old.

"He was the first playmate I remember having," said Suzanne Ford, who now lives in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

"He was hysterically funny and tremendously outgoing, but he also was someone who was very hard to please," she said.

That became abundantly clear to her when, as a young girl, her father would conduct bedroom inspections every Saturday morning.

"I never passed it on the first try," she said. "He'd always find something wrong. He would run the finger across the top of my door and find dust or something. I didn't think it was very funny at the time, but I can laugh about it now."

Mr. Hershey worked with barrage balloons, huge contraptions that were designed to deter low-flying enemy aircraft, and as a parachute rigger, but after his superiors discovered he had a knack for business, he began getting assignments at post exchanges.

He also rose through the ranks, being promoted to second lieutenant in 1952 and lieutenant colonel in

1967. Lieutenant colonel is the highest rank that can be attained by a limited duty officer, those who start their careers as enlisted personnel.

"That was his proudest achievement, to get where he got," his wife said.

His only serious mishap occurred in 1945, when he was in Okinawa and was struck in the heel by a stray round fired by another U.S. soldier celebrating the end of World War II.

After his retirement in 1970, Mr. Hershey became interested in numismatics, the study of money and medals. He developed an interest in tokens, and at one time had an extensive collection.

He once displayed a collection of tokens at a show in Chicago that won a people's choice award, said James Groninger, a fellow collector from Penn Hills.

"He was always looking for what he was collecting, but if he saw something at a show and he knew someone else was looking for it, he would buy it for them and bring it home," Groninger said.

Penn Hills Mayor Phyllis Kernick



The couple on their wedding day in 1943 at Camp LeJeune, N.C.

appointed Mr. Hershey to the Penn Hills Civil Service Commission, where he developed a reputation for honesty and fairness.

"He was a military man and he had a strong sense of what was right and what was wrong, and there was no deviation from that," said George Taylor, a fellow commission member and longtime friend.

In addition to his wife and daughter, Mr. Hershey is survived by a brother, Joseph S. of Penn Hills; two other daughters, Michelle H. Poccia of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and Den-

ise H. Seaman of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; two sons, Rodger E. Jr. of Corvallis, Ore., and Paul J. of San Francisco; and eight grandchildren.

Inurnment will take place Thursday at the Columbarium of Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Penn Hills Library, 240 Aster St., Pittsburgh 15235.

Funeral arrangements were by the Findlay C. Wylie Funeral Home, Penn Hills.

OBITUARIES

TOMLINSON FORT

Sales dynamo for Westinghouse

By Marc W. Nuzzo

Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Tomlinson Fort was one of Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s most successful generators of quality and profit.

Mr. Fort joined the company after graduating from college and stayed with Westinghouse for the greater half of the 20th century until his retirement, moving through the tiers of administration and throughout the eastern United States.

Mr. Fort died of a stroke Wednesday in the Longwood at Oakmont Health Care Center in Plum. He was 94 years old.

For his work, Mr. Fort received the Order of Merit, the highest honor bestowed upon employees by Westinghouse Electric, in 1946. Two years later, Mr. Fort was also recognized by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for his contributions toward the advancement of the mechanical engineering field. "He just did his normal, super job all the time," said Charles Ruch, a volunteer historian at Westinghouse who used to work with Mr. Fort. "He was a day-to-day good man."

Born on Dec. 9, 1902, in Atlanta, Mr. Fort attended high school in Roswell, N.M., and later earned his degree in engineering at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M.

After getting his foot into the Pittsburgh business world by working in the Westinghouse graduate student training course in 1923, Mr. Fort immediately went on to receive his sales training and was assigned to the company's sales headquar-

ters in Pittsburgh.

In 1927, he was reassigned as a central station salesman in Westinghouse's eastern district. Mr. Fort spent four years in that position and then was moved to New York City where he stayed until 1940.

While in New York, he handled large negotiations within the electric utility industry, selling Westinghouse's massive electric generators and power station equipment.

Mr. Fort's professionalism in sales at Westinghouse became renowned among those in the electric utility industry. He put his reputation behind his word, and customers knew it.

During Mr. Fort's time at the Westinghouse, the company survived, thrived and boomed.

To Westinghouse, Mr. Fort wasn't just a worker. He was an asset.

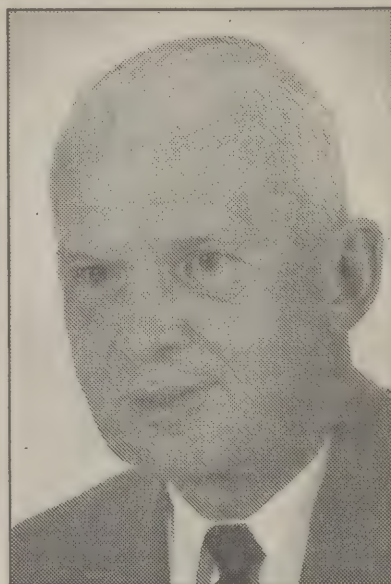
In 1940, Mr. Fort transferred back to Pittsburgh. He became the manager of Westinghouse's central sales department in 1943 after three years as assistant manager in the same department.

Ruch remembers him as a "dedicated, no-nonsense type of manager."

"He ran a pretty tight ship wherever he was," said Ruch. "He made it a point of making sure what he delivered to [customers] was like he promised."

In 1951, Mr. Fort was appointed vice president of Westinghouse's apparatus marketing division and in 1962 moved on to vice president of field sales.

Mr. Fort was a decade away from becoming a vice president at the



Tomlinson Fort

company, but he was already a man comfortable in the presence of presidents.

One of the prouder moments of Mr. Fort's career was when he organized the dedication of a new power facility near Buffalo, N.Y., with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as the guest of honor.

"He was the only vice president of Westinghouse to have a private interview with Roosevelt," Ruch explained. "That was one thing he was very proud of."

Mr. Fort retired at the age of 65.

Mr. Fort is survived by his wife, Beatrice Fort of Alamogordo, N.M.; his son, J. Tomlinson Fort of Fox Chapel; his daughter, Polly O'Neill of Pensacola, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be held in Fox Chapel Episcopal Church, 630 Squaw Run Road East, at 11 a.m. today. Friends will be received at the Fox Chapel Episcopal Church at 10 a.m. today. Burial will be private.

Arrangements are being handled by H. Samson Funeral Home, Oakland.

UARIES

ARLES PETERS

cal world of computer programming

shi in Cambridge, Mass.

"He was incredibly thorough and an incredibly hard worker. He absolutely loved to work," he said. Often he could be found in front of his computer past midnight, programming some new feature into the system or solving a problem that had vexed other researchers, while his wife sat in his office, reading or knitting.

Perhaps because of his training in philosophy — he earned his undergraduate degree at Columbia University — Mr. Peters was able to bring a softer, more human touch to the competitive and often cold world of computer programming.

The Andrew project included many of the most accomplished programmers in the world, but they didn't always work together well.

"It was kind of like inviting all the world's great chefs to participate in a recipe by letting them each add one ingredient," McLinden said. "But none of the chefs knew what

ingredients the others were adding. You can imagine what something like that might taste like."

Mr. Peters devised a system to allow each programmer to know what the others were working on. It was just one of many innovations he introduced.

More than five years ago, before the World Wide Web even existed, Mr. Peters created a site on the Internet for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. At the time, the Internet was mostly a text-based electronic bulletin board.

Mr. Peters' site included many features that have only become commonplace in the last year or so.

"It was a whole tire college, if you would," said Ken Doerbecker, who was a colleague of Mr. Peters' at IBM and is now president of Perfection Services Corp., a computer consulting service in Wexford. "If you told it what car you drove, it could recommend what tires to buy. If you told it where you lived, it

could tell what stores nearby sold Goodyear tires."

Many Web sites do not have such interactive capability even now, Doerbecker noted.

After growing up in Baltimore and earning his degree from Columbia, Mr. Peters started working for IBM in 1960. He served in a variety of positions with the company in New York, England and Colorado before settling in Pittsburgh. He retired from IBM in 1992, but continued to work as a consultant for a variety of corporate and nonprofit clients.

In addition to his daughter, of Texas, Mr. Peters is survived by his wife, Joan; son, Gerard, of Colorado; his mother, Audrey Cain, of the East End; his brother, Phillip, of Canada; and his sister, Barbara Shaffer, of Baltimore. A memorial service will be today at 2 p.m. in the Homewood Cemetery Chapel. Donations may be made to Animal Friends, 2643 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh 15217.

DAVID M. LUDLUM

remost expert on American weather

history of Colonial America and long before he was calling the turn of battle in World War II as the commander of an Army Air Forces meteorological unit, David Ludlum was a little boy in East Orange, N.J., catching snowflakes on his tongue and making angels in the snow.

A New York stockbroker's son, Mr. Ludlum was so enchanted by every aspect of snow, from its magical transformation of his neighborhood to its prospects for

degree from the University of California at Berkeley and then returning to Princeton for a doctorate just in time to face a Depression job drought.

Grateful for a chance to teach high school history, he joined the faculty of the Peddie School in Hightstown, N.J., but his life as Mr. Chips lasted only three years.

After the Nazi storm broke in Europe and Mr. Ludlum sensed the war clouds gathering in the United

Commanding a front-line forecasting unit that fought across North Africa, through Sicily and up the boot of Italy, Mr. Ludlum, who rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel, became a footnote to military history in 1944. At that time, military planners asked him to predict the weather for the assault on Monte Cassino, Italy.

Mr. Ludlum had shaken his head so many times at 5 p.m. briefing that the oft-postponed assault was given

J. PAUL SCHEETZ

Executive gave freely to charity and family

By Ervin Dyer

Post-Gazette Staff Writer

J. Paul Scheetz was a busy executive who was active in civic and charitable organizations but who always had time to spend with one of his nine nieces and nephews. Also, possessing a keen sense of humor, he never hesitated to tell a good limerick.

"My uncle had a great memory for jokes and short poems, which he could drop at a moment's notice," said his nephew Edwin "Ted" Scheetz Jr. "They ranged from humorous to off-color, but never in bad taste. He had a great zest in life for everything."

Born in Wyncote, Montgomery County, in 1908, Mr. Scheetz died of a heart attack on June 8. He was 89.

He had no children and became very involved in the lives of his nieces and nephews. Perhaps because of his love for history, he took a special pride in teaching them about the family heritage.

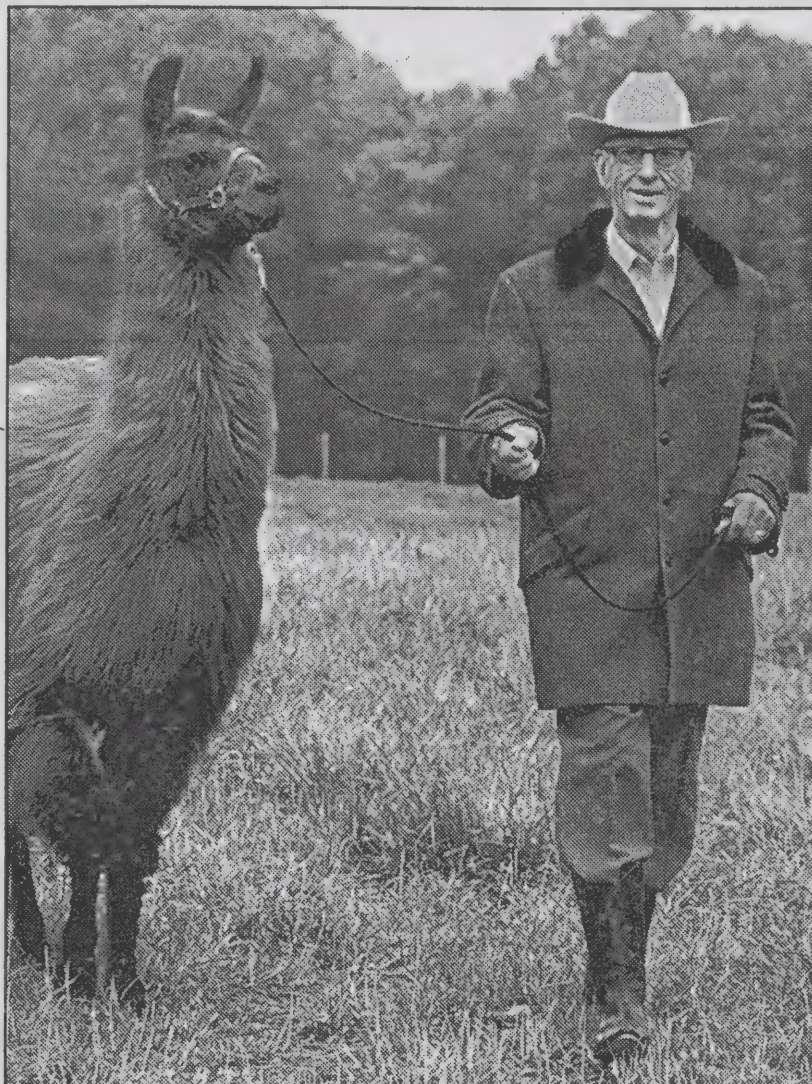
There were other children in his life as well.

Mr. Scheetz was a longtime member of the board and former president of the Pressley Ridge School, an organization that cares for troubled teens.

Though Mr. Scheetz was a dapper dresser and had a taste for the finer things in life — poetry, antiques, art — he never hesitated to roll up his sleeves and enjoy the woods of Ohiopyle with the young people when a Pressley Ridge School camp was being developed there in the early '70s.

"The kids were intrigued by his style, his friendliness and openness," said Clark Paul Luster, executive director of the Pressley Ridge Schools, who met Mr. Scheetz in 1975. "He was a good uncle to the kids."

So good, in fact, that Mr. Scheetz pushed for the merger of the Prot-



J. Paul Scheetz with one of his pedigree llamas in 1991.

estant Home and Pressley House orphanages in 1965 that form what now is Pressley Ridge. He later was a force to help the schools make the transition from orphanage to professional treatment center.

Mr. Scheetz graduated from the University of Missouri in 1929 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. It nurtured in him a continuing curiosity about life. He started his professional life in New York. He soon came to Pittsburgh where he began purchasing and consolidating news magazines before he joined the Navy at the outbreak of World War II. He rose to the rank of commander.

When he returned to civilian life, he enjoyed a broad range of hobbies. He collected coins and was past president of the Historical

Society of Western Pennsylvania. He also had a keen interest in the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh. He was also responsible for establishing an education foundation for his college fraternity, Sigma Nu.

When Mr. Scheetz stepped down as senior vice president from the Rust Engineering Co. in 1968, he retired to Leesburg, Va., where he and his wife raised pedigree llamas. He took great pride in his prize bull llama, Moses, who sired a line of grand champion llamas.

Mr. Scheetz is survived by his wife of 54 years, Alice Rust Scheetz, his nine nieces and nephews and 20 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mr. Scheetz's remains were cremated. Services were held yesterday at Calvary Episcopal Church in Shadyside.

ROGER E.
HERSHEY

On Friday, October 11,
1995, beloved husband of



Dorotha D. Her-
shey; father of
Suzanne H.
Ford of Jeddah,
Saudi Arabia,

Roger Edwards Hershey, Jr.
of Corvallis, OR, Michelle H.
Poccia of Saratoga Springs,
NY, Denise H. Seaman of
Tuscalossa, AL, and Paul J.
Hershey of San Francisco,
CA; grandfather of Patrick,
Kerry and Megan Ford, Mar-
co, Rachel and Marie Poc-
cia, Nathan and Molly
Seaman. Lt. Col. Hershey
served 30 years in the United
States Marine Corps and
was a decorated veteran of
WW II, Korea, and Vietnam.
Upon retirement, Col. Her-
shey returned to Pittsburgh
and was an active member
of the Retired Officers Asso-
ciation, Marine Corps Avia-
tion Association, Mustang
Association, The American
Numismatic Association and
numerous local coin clubs
such as PNS, WPNS, PAN
and PATCO. He was also a
member of The Loyal Order
of the Moose. Interment will
take place at the Columbar-
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Cemetery in Washington,
D.C. with full military honors
on Thursday, October 17 at
9:30 a.m. Family suggests
memorial contributions be
made to the Penn Hills Li-
brary, 240 Aster St., Pitts-
burgh, PA 15235.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
1996-1997 Treasurer's Report

As of June 30, 1997, the balance on deposit with Allegheny Valley Bank was \$2,458.23, plus interest earned on the account for the month of June, 1997. Of that sum, \$750.00 was held in the "Life" fund, and \$1,708.23 was in the regular account.

Income and expenses of the Society for the period are set forth below.

As of June 30, 1997, the Society had 25 regular members and 5 life members, representing a decline of three members, all due to death.

Other assets of the Society include unsold inventories of books and journals, a number of copies of a group photograph, and some Society medals. The exact count of inventory is maintained by the officer responsible. It is noted that the group photograph probably has little value because it is now outdated, and it is recommended that after placing a copy in the archives, the Society should consider disposing of the excess copies.

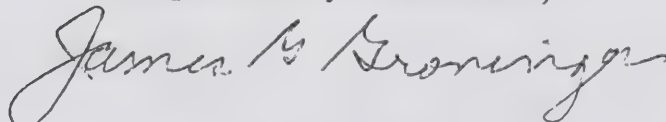
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Sale of Medals	-0-
Interest	30.52

EXPENSES

Memorial Gifts:	\$294.52
convention, program ads	113.11
annual dinner loss	13.02
dinner speaker	50.00
postage	76.80
P.O. box rent	40.00
check printing	13.00
bank service charge	38.00

Respectfully submitted,



James G. Groninger,
Treasurer

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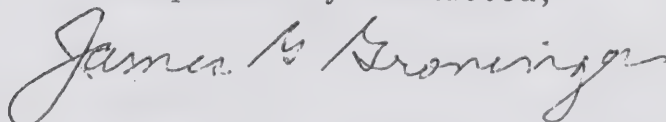
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James G. Groninger,
Treasurer

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR June 3, 1997 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:10

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *Read & Accepted as Read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report

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\$ 2439.11

^{LIFE}
\$ 750.00

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3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Pres. - Dick Gaetano

VP - Ted Shiff

Treas - James Groninger

Sec. -

Corator - Wayne Hornen

4. CORRESPONDENCE *Tom Font's Grandfather passed away on May 28, 1997. We should send a card.*

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS *Coin Identification Day 12-5 on June 7th at the Heinz History Center. Call John Burns for details.*

6. NEW BUSINESS *R. Crosby moved that the club spend \$12⁰⁰ for postage for a case of free "Coin" tapes from the ANA. Seconded by J. Porter and voted by the membership.*

Who has the computer disks of the Allegheny Project ?

Calendar for next year is being set up by Ted Shiff. ASAP

*Cullerton
Groninger*

ADJOURNED: 9:20

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: June 3, 1997

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. <i>Gary Grubel</i>	1.	
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4. <i>Jerry Fack</i>	4.	
5. <i>Dick Gattano</i>	5.	
6. <i>Jimmy Porter</i>	6.	
7. <i>Mike Homza</i>	7.	
8. <i>Ed Krivoniak</i>	8.	NEW ZEALAND PROOF COINS
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WPNS Numismatists

Here I am at the end of my first year as Pres. of WPNS

Looking back over the year past, I see good times & sad times. I think of our Nov. Banquet & a fine presentation by Brian Butto on the Lincoln Highway.

I see the great loss of 2 fine members - Rodger & Pat.

I see the Paper money project finished with Skip's excellent book.

Our meetings have been fruitful in knowledge, maintaining our great speakers filled with knowledge and information.

I hope to continue on another year and hope that good times can continue in the fashion we are accustomed too.

Richard Gustavo
6-3-97

There were an average of 14 members and 1 guest in attendance for the past year. *Edmund*

13M-16 At Museum Annex

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR May 6, 1997 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:00

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *March + April Minutes were read and accepted as read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report

~~\$ 2457.39~~
2469.57

\$ 750 ⁰⁰

\$ 1719.57

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES *Nominating Committee reported that all the current officers were willing to remain in office.*

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Skip Collector's father passed away yesterday.

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS *CD-Rom "GREAT LITERATURE" purchased + delivered to Ambidge Jr. H.S. by Garry Koschnak. Cost \$42.00*

6. NEW BUSINESS

June 7th will be Coin Identification Day at the Heinz Center

PAN Show will be this weekend.

John Boxus displayed many nice large cents from the Clapp Collection and a discussion of Books + catalogues from Clapp's Library.

ADJOURNED: 9:13

C. Eib
E. Kaminsky

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: May 6, 1997

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Larry Grubel	1. Cory Costo	
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3. E. K. K. K. K.	3.	
4. Larry Kordach	4.	Gold Pistole - Ormonde
5. Harry Colbarn	5.	ERC medals
6. Jerry Veeck	6.	
7. Jim Groninger	7.	
8. Chuck Erb	8.	
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10. D. Galtano	10.	
11. John D. Burns	11.	
12. Richard Crosby	12.	
13. TED SHIFF	13.	Books - L. S. M. T. - R. N.
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR 4-1-97 1997 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:10

1. MINUTES of previous meeting None available & read tonight.

2. TREASURER'S Report

TOTAL	Life Fund	Gen. Fund
\$ 2459.39	\$ 750.00	\$ 1709.39

A moment of silence was observed for Pat Pugliano who died on 3-4-1997.

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES Chuck Erb spoke of this member's sudden death from a Heart Attack. Donations can be made to the Library Fund at the Ambridge Jr. H.S. where Pat taught.

Nominating Committee appointed: Gary Zinbich, Harry Calburn, Tom Font. Wayne Hansen and John Burns will be the Auditing Committee of the Treasurers records.

~~4. CORRESPONDENCE~~

The burglar of Ted Shiffa Coin Shop was sentenced to 5-10 years plus \$ 222,000.00 in restitution. [John Wayne Robbins]

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Charles 'Skip' Culleton gave his program on the "Money of Surinam"

6. NEW BUSINESS A motion was made to purchase a CD-Rom computer program and donate it to the Ambridge Jr. H.S. on behalf of Pat Pugliano, and in lieu of flowers... Motion passed
Larry Korchnak will obtain and report further.

The ANA Board approved the "Roger E. Hershey Peoples Choice Award" for this and future ANA Convention Exhibitors.

ADJOURNED: 9:23

Burns
Korchnak

W. P. N. S.

4-1-1997

MEMBERS

GUESTS

EXHIBITS

Larry Gribble
Charles W. Erb
Janice Kuchel

Cory Costa

Ming dynasty sprees

Harry Colborn
Jim Bronings
Wayne Hommen

auction catalogs

1853 w/arrows Half Dime

Richard Brady
Duk Gaetano

Jerry Veeck
Colleen Chesones

John H. Burns

Charles Culliton

TED SHIFF

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PAPER & COIN

MEDALS & FOREIGN COINS

April 8, 1997

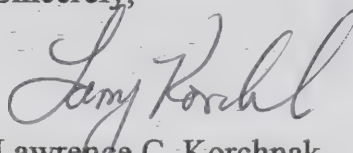
Mr. Richard Wellendorf
Ambridge Junior High School
401 First Street
Freedom, PA 15042

Dear Mr. Wellendorf,

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society wishes to donate a CD-ROM program to the Ambridge Junior High School in the memory of Pat Pugliano. Pat was a respected member of the society. He loved collecting and sharing his knowledge with others. His passing away is a great loss.

Consistent with Pat's commitment to education and technology, we have elected to remember him with a world literature CD-ROM containing the complete text of 1,900 great works. We are confident that students will benefit from it.

Sincerely,


Lawrence C. Korchnak

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Thank you!


The Lord is my shepherd; I
shall not want. 

He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures: He leadeth me
beside the still waters. 

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake. 

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil: for thou art with me; thy
rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil: my
cup runneth over. 

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever. 

In Loving Memory of
Patry A. Pugliano

Born

December 16, 1947
Sewickley, Pa.

Died

March 5, 1997
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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John Syka Funeral Home
833 Kennedy Drive
Ambridge, Pa.

In Remembrance



Locksmith convicted in burglary scheme

By Robert Baird
TRIBUNE REVIEW

A South Side locksmith was convicted Friday by an Allegheny County jury of criminal conspiracy in a 1995 burglary at a Dormont coin and stamp shop in which an estimated \$250,000 in valuables were carted off by thieves.

John Wayne Robbins, 56, of Arlington Avenue, was found guilty by a jury of 10 women and two men that deliberated about two hours before returning its verdict in connection with the planning of the break-in at The Coins and Computers store at 2930 W. Liberty Ave., on June 7, 1995.

Common Pleas Judge W. Terrence O'Brien continued Robbins' \$25,000 bond pending the completion of a presentence report. Sentencing was set for March 6. Criminal conspiracy to commit burglary carries a possible five to 10 years in prison.

Under sentencing guidelines, Assistant District Attorney Marc Clark said the amount of the monetary loss, which was set by store

owner Ted Shiff in excess of \$100,000, could determine Robbins' term.

Clark said the conviction was the result of "a classic circumstantial case" in which Robbins was tied to the burglary through a truck rental and alleged statements made to a jailhouse informant by a co-conspirator, Barry Lynn Auman.

After the verdict, jurors said they were concerned about the veracity and motivation of the informant, Joseph Downey, a former Moon Township police officer with a criminal record.

Several jurors said they thought Downey was out to get a \$10,000 reward when he contacted Dormont police a year after the crime with claims that Auman confessed to the burglary while both were in the Allegheny County Jail.

On Tuesday, Auman, 52, of Jordan Avenue, Penn Hills, was sentenced to 33 to 66 months in jail after pleading guilty to burglary, criminal trespass, theft by unlawful taking and criminal conspiracy.

Yesterday, Robbins' attorney, Gary Zimmerman, said his client's

conviction was "a classic case of being convicted on inadmissible evidence." He said there was no evidence linking Robbins to the burglary, and the prosecution showed only that he rented a van for a friend.

Police said that burglars used a key they made to enter the store, and hauled away coins, stamps, silver, diamonds and rare documents. The burglar alarm was disarmed. None of the loot was recovered.

Shortly after the crime, Richard Schreck of Dormont contacted police after viewing news coverage of the burglary and said he might have witnessed the break-in while waiting in the area to pick up his son. Schreck described a white van that he saw being loaded with items from the store.

Police learned that Robbins had rented a white van from a nearby Rent-A-Wreck outlet on June 5, 1995, and returned it three days later.

When he was interviewed, Robbins told police he rented the van as a favor to Auman, his friend, who had no driver's license.

South Side man sentenced in plan to rob Dormont shop

By Robert Baird
TRIBUNE REVIEW

Citing a defendant's lengthy criminal history, an Allegheny County judge Wednesday imposed a maximum five- to 10-year prison term against a South Side man for conspiring to burglarize a Dormont coin and stamp shop of more than \$220,000 in valuables.

John Wayne Robbins, 56, of Arlington Avenue, received the sentence from Common Pleas Judge W. Terrence O'Brien for planning the break-in at The Coins and Computers store at 2930 W. Liberty Ave., on June 7, 1995.

O'Brien granted a request by Assistant District Attorney Marc Clark ordering Robbins to make restitution of \$222,000 to store owner Ted Shiff for the stolen coins, stamps, silver, diamonds and rare documents.

The judge said Robbins, a master locksmith, had a criminal record dating to 1960 for larceny, robbery and burglary and was on parole for another conspiracy conviction when the Dormont theft occurred.

O'Brien noted that Robbins was convicted of conspiracy in 1992 after he was discovered sitting in the back seat of a car in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, making a key to be used to enter a nearby pharmacy.

The judge said it would "trivialize" the crime if he gave Robbins less than the maximum term for

criminal conspiracy. A jury found Robbins guilty in January.

O'Brien rejected a request by defense attorney Gary Zimmerman to grant bond while Robbins appeals the conviction, saying he didn't believe there were grounds for granting a new trial.

He said Robbins is a danger to the community and a risk to flee.

A co-defendant, Barry Lynn Auman, 52, of Jordan Avenue, Penn Hills, was sentenced in January to 33 to 66 months in jail after pleading guilty to burglary, criminal trespass, theft by unlawful taking and criminal conspiracy.

Police contend that burglars used a key they made to enter the Dormont store and hauled away the goods in a white van.

Police learned that Robbins had rented a white van from a Rent-A-Wreck outlet on June 5, 1995, and returned it three days later.

When he was interviewed, Robbins told police he rented the van as a favor to Auman, his friend, who had no driver's license.

The case remained dormant for a year until a jailhouse informant, Joseph Downey, 52, a former Moon Township police officer with a criminal record, contacted police from the Allegheny County Jail and said Auman had bragged about the burglary.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR March 4, 1997 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:10

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *accepted as read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report	<i>Gen Fund</i>	<i>Life Fund</i>	<i>total</i>
	<i>\$1709.39</i>	<i>\$750⁰⁰</i>	<i>\$2459.39</i>

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

*Books: 48 books remain unsold on Allegheny County Notes.
Bank*

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Treasurer-Transition Team will proceed with change of funds; Banks; and signatories.

6. NEW BUSINESS

John Burns will be checking on the possibility of a coin identification day at the Henry Historical Center.

Eileen Kaminsky program on Selma Burke.

ADJOURNED: 9:15

*Homen
Korchuk*

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: MARCH 4, 1997

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Larry Spinale	1. Cory Costo	
2. Jim Broninger	2.	
3. Charles W. Erb	3.	
4. Alex Dactano	4.	
5. Rickard E. Gedy	5.	
6. Helen K. Kowalsky	6.	
7. Wayne K. Hamner	7.	UNLISTED PITTSBURGH OBSOLETE BANKNOTES - EDWIN QUEEN HOUSE - JOHN BROWN BUTCHER
8. Larry Korchman	8.	Early Santo Domingo; Groningen siege coins
9. Ted Smith	9.	ANCIENT / MIDEAST COINS
10. John H. Burns	10.	
11. Edward A. Kowalski	11.	RETRO NO TALER - SYRACUSE BRONZE - BUOIL
12. Harry Colburn	12.	
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR Feb. 4, 1997 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:05

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *Accepted as read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report \$ 1833.70 \$ 750.00 2583.70

Gen Fund

Life Fund

Total

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

4. CORRESPONDENCE *None*

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Will Need a New Checking Account for "June".

6. NEW BUSINESS

Coin Week - April?

Tom Font talks on the "Catilinian Conspiracy".

ADJOURNED: 9:42

*Motion: Burns
and Crosby*

(over)

S.S. Locksmith John Wagne Robbins (56) Arlington Ave
sentencing on March 6, possible 5-10 yrs.

tried & burglar by truck rental and statements in jail
by co-conspirator, Barry Lynn Auman (52) Penn Hills
got 33 & 66 months after pleading guilty

Made a key and disarmed the alarm

No boat recovered as yet. Someone observed the white
van that was rented.

Informant, Joseph Downey, former Moon cap who
was in jail with Auman. after the \$10,000.00 reward

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: Feb 4, 1997

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Gary Grubbs	1.	
2. John J. Burns	2.	
3. Dick Sartano	3.	
4. Ellen Kaminsky	4.	
5. Ed Krivonoz	5.	Books & Coins
6. Fred Stess	6.	Microscope Box & Coins
7. Henry C. Brown	7.	
8. Robert C. Reddy	8.	
9. E. THOMPSON FORT	9.	ROMAN REPUBLICAN COINS
10. Jim Kronsinger	10.	
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR JAN. 7 1997 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:04

1. MINUTES of previous meeting

Accepted as read.

2. TREASURER'S Report

Gen. Fund
\$ 2075.02

Life
\$ 750.⁰⁰

Total
\$ 2825.02

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Approx. 35 Bank Books remain

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

Pat Pugliese gone program on coins of
San Marino.

ADJOURNED: 8:50

PAN Show in May
South Hills Feb 1-2

C. Erb
J. Burns

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 1-7-98

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Charles Cullerton	1.	
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3. Ellen Kanneker	3.	
4. Harry Carlson	4.	
5. D. Gaetano	5.	
6. Garry Grubbs	6.	
7. Dot Brufani	7.	San Marino
8. Ed R. Rourke	8.	Misc. Foreign
9. Jim Groninger	9.	
10. E. TOMLINSON FORT	10. GOSIA FORT	
11. Richard Casby	11.	
12. John W. Burns	12.	
13. Wayne Kiltanen	13.	
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR 12-3 1996 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:00

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *Accepted as read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report

<i>Gen. Fund</i>	<i>Life</i>	<i>Total</i>
\$ 2161.87	\$ 750.-	\$ 2911.87
\$ 2134.59	\$ 750.-	\$ 2884.59

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Letter from Carnegie Hero Fund of ITALY.

4. CORRESPONDENCE *↑*

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

allegany Project - no news

6. NEW BUSINESS

Guest: Sam Deep discussed the proposal of raising funds for the Rodger E. Hershey "People's Choice Award" at A.N.A. \$3500⁰⁰ is needed and \$2800⁰⁰ has been pledged. Deadline is early March 1997 for Board vote.

Motion: That WPNS donate \$250⁰⁰ to the above fund. Passed
This is contingent on return if not passed by A.N.A.

Rich Cross of P.A.N. had M.I. before Thanksgiving and is recovering.

ADJOURNED: *Homya*
 9:18 *Collectors*

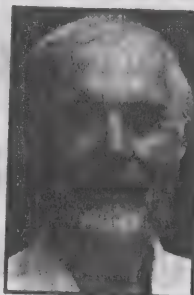
Program: Rich Crossby passed ¹⁵⁰⁰ ~~several~~ hundred lapel pins around the table and gave his program on the subject.

11-11-95

Robert Hudson, retired chief psychiatrist at VA

Dr. Robert J. Hudson of Waco, a retired psychiatrist, died Sunday at a local hospital. He was 82.

Mass of Christian burial will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Louis Catholic Church, Monsignor Mark Deering officiating.



Dr. Hudson was born May 2, 1913, in Pittsburgh. He attended Holy Family Elementary School in Latrobe, Pa., and Latrobe High School. He earned his bachelor of science degree from St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., and his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1940.

He conducted his internship and residency at St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburg and Columbia Medical Center in New York. He was board certified in psychiatry and had a private practice in Pittsburgh from 1947 to 1973. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater.

Dr. Hudson was a clinical professor of psychiatry from 1981 to 1988 at Texas A&M University Medical College. He served as

chief of staff for the U.S. Veterans Administration at the VA Medical Center outpatient clinic in Philadelphia and at the VA Medical Center in Marlin. He later served as chief of psychiatry service at the VA Medical Center in Waco. Retiring on Sept. 26, 1988, he returned to service at the VA Medical Center during the Gulf War.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association, Psychiatric Association of Pennsylvania and The Alumni Association of Jefferson Medical College. He also was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Velva Hudson of Waco; a daughter, Helen Larson of Pennsylvania; four sons, Robert J. Hudson Jr. and James Hudson, both of Pennsylvania, Thomas Hudson of South Carolina and David Dickens of San Antonio; two sisters, Regina Kuhn of Pennsylvania and Anne Hudson of Kentucky; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

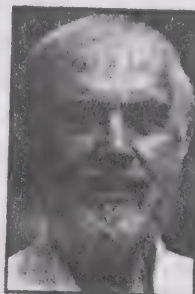
Wilkirson-Hatch Funeral Home, Inc., is in charge of arrangements.

The family will receive visitors from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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The family will receive visitors from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 12-3-96

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Gary Gribble	1. Sam Deep	
2. Charles Culliton	2. David Deep	
3. Wayne K. Horner	3.	POSTCARDS OF BUREAU OF ENGRAVING & PRINTING
4. John W. Bunn	4.	
5. Dick Galtano	5.	
6. Harry Colborn	6.	
7. Jim Kroninger	7.	
8. Corleen Chesonis	8.	
9. Edward Kivonick	9.	NORWEG COIN & PAN ACQUISITIONS
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Brown bag lunch series to present "Travelling the Old Lincoln Highway"

Brian Butko, Projects Editor for the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, will be the guest speaker for the Wednesday, Sept. 18 "Brown Bag Lunch" — his topic: "Travelling the Old Lincoln Highway", held at the Westmoreland Museum of American Art, 221 North Main St., Greensburg.

Now mostly bypassed by Route 30, the Lincoln Highway, America's first coast to-coast road, still holds surprises you won't

find on the Interstates — a big blue swimming hole at Ligonier Beach, a weed-strewn stone bridge near downtown Philadelphia, not to mention a giant coffee pot, a shoe-shaped house, and a 10-foot praying mantis! Butko will take his audience on tour, via his talk, from the days of Conestoga wagons on the Lancaster Pike to the arrival of the auto and Pennsylvania's mountaintop roadhouses, and later to stainless steel

diners, art deco gas stations, and drive-in theaters.

Butko will also be available to sign copies of his book, "Pennsylvania Traveler's Guide" The Lincoln Highway, which you can purchase that day.

This program, free and open to the public, is a joint effort of the Westmoreland County Historical Society and the Westmoreland Museum of American Art.

Contact the Museum at (412) 837-1500 for other dates and topics for the month of September. For any other information, contact the Westmoreland County Historical Society at 951 Old Salem Road, Greensburg, PA 15601, (412) 836-1800.

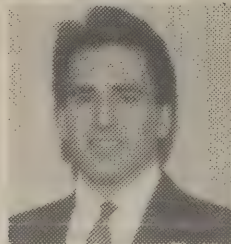
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many leaders that will be helping with the program. Adults do not have to have a boy in the scouting program to help out. Many men and women continue their support of scouting although their children have grown beyond the scouting years.

Cub Scouting is open to boys in grades 1 through 5. Boy Scouting is open to boys in grades 6 through 8. Young men and women in grades 9 to 19 can join an Explorer troop. More information is available from the Westmoreland Fayette Council, BSA in Greensburg.

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November 18, 1996

Mr. Sam Deep
1920 Woodside Road
Glenshaw, PA 15116

Subject: Rodger E. Hershey People's Choice Award; A Proposal

Dear Sam:

President Ken Bressett gave me your letter of October 31, 1996. I will ask that this letter and my response be used as back-up for the proposed memorial in honor of Rodger Hershey. Please correspond with me in the future and I will take care of it.

ANA is very appreciative of the memorial in honor of Rodger. He truly was a unique person, interesting, enjoyable and a pleasure to be with.

The proposal will be distributed to the Board at the end of January 1997. The motion, which is attached, will be voted on March 17, 1997, in Cleveland. I will let the Board know of the proposal in my November 31, 1996, report.

I certainly would be a pleasure to have Dottie make the first presentation in New York — and subsequently. The People's Choice Award is presented at the banquet.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Leuver
CEO/Executive Director

RJL/kg

cc: Wayne Abraham; Ruthann Brettell; Miles Kessler; Valerie Smith; Kim Kiick

BOARD MEETING:

Location: Cleveland, Ohio

Date of Meeting: March 17, 1997

BOARD AGENDA CATEGORY/SUBCATEGORY: Awards**PRESENTER: R. Leuver**

Rodger E. Hershey People's Choice Award

MOTION:

Motion by _____, second by _____, That the People's Choice Award be named the Rodger E. Hershey People's Choice Award, as fully funded by friends of Lt. Col. Rodger E. Hershey (USMC Ret.), two-time winner of the People's Choice Award, a strong supporter of the ANA and local numismatic clubs, and one of the finest gentlemen in the hobby who represents all that is great about our hobby.

RATIONALE:

Please see the attached obituary from the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, Tuesday, October 15, 1996 and correspondence from Sam Deep.

References	Approves	Opposes	Uncommitted
Executive Director			
General Counsel			
Treasurer			
President			
Controller			
Staff Liaison-Kim Kick			
Involved Committee-Awards			

ISM-OG

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR 10-2 199 6 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:05

1. MINUTES of previous meeting

2. TREASURER'S Report

General Fund	Life	Total
\$ 2089.24	\$ 750.00	\$ 2839.24

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Brian Butko - Lincoln Highway Social Meeting
Nov. 4th Tumbellinis 6:30 Cocktails
7:30 Dinner

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Nov 9-10 Cumberland Md. Show

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Roger Hershey > hospitalized
Jim ~~Goetano~~ ^{rominger}

6. NEW BUSINESS

Program: Dick Goetano - "Oregon Trail"

Exhibits -

Giant Fence - Wadsworth Ohio

PAN Banquets -

Tom Seebing - Sea Salvage Coins

ADJOURNED: 9:30

Meteor. Etc
2nd Bonus

12-3-96 Crosby - "collecting Chapel Pius"

1-7-97 Pugliano - The Coins of San Marino

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 10-2-96

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. <i>Garry Spinick</i>	1.	
2. <i>Pat Skigliaro</i>	2.	
3. <i>Wayne Homren</i>	3.	<i>Kate Mulhail - A Romance of the Oregon Trail by EZRA MEeker</i>
4. <i>Charles Culliton</i>	4.	
5. <i>John W. Burns</i>	5.	
6. <i>Corleen Chesonis</i>	6.	
7. <i>Tom Fort</i>	7.	
8. <i>Edna Kominski</i>	8.	
9. <i>Leo Huff</i>	9.	
10. <i>Richard Grady</i>	10.	<i>Expo Medal 85</i>
11. <i>Jerry Porter</i>	11.	
12. <i>Jerry Veeck</i>	12.	
13. <i>Shuck Erb</i>	13.	<i>1861-0 Conf Die Half</i>
14. <i>Mike Homza</i>	14.	
15. <i>Dick Goetano</i>	15.	
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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR 9-3 1996 WPNS MEETING

Call Order
TIME: 8:10

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *Read & Accepted as read.*

2. TREASURER'S Report

General Fund	Life	Total
\$ 2,090.36	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,840.36

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None, but

Some books (3) were sold at the ANA by Wayne Hansen.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Social Meeting - Dick Goetano contacted Brian Butko of Hist. Society as possible speaker on Lincoln Highway. We will try to reserve Tombellinis.

Ted Shiff still working on program for 1996-7

6. NEW BUSINESS

Next month: Dick Goetano on "Oregon Trail"

Exhibits needed for PAN Show

Speaker: Wayne Hansen on "Confedrate Half Dollar"

Covered Exhibits.

ADJOURNED: 9:55

*Motion - Korchusak
2nd - Homza*

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: SEPT. 3, 1996

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Larry Gribble	1. Cory Coste	
2. Charles Culliton	2.	
3. E. TOMLINSON FORT	3.	BOOKS
4. Wayne Homren	4.	Scott restrike of Confederate Half Dollar
5. JERRY PORTER	5.	
6. Larry Korchyak.	6.	17 th + 18 th Century Brazil Coppers
7. Gilen Ramusky	7.	
8. Dick Hae Land	8.	
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10. Jim Kronsing	10.	
11. Jerry R. Verch	11.	
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The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

P.O. Box 23404, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-9998



MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, September 3, 1996

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Allegheny Bldg., 429 Forbes Ave., 7th Floor

PROGRAM: "Confederate Half Dollar" Wayne Homren

THE "GANG OF FIVE" IS BACK FROM THE A.N.A. CONVENTION WITH HONORS AND STORIES. JOHN BURNS' TEAM WON IN THEIR PRELIMINARY NIGHT IN THE WORLD SERIES OF NUMISMATICS, WHILE THE WAYNE HOMREN TEAM CAME IN FOURTH ON THE FIRST NIGHT AND THEREBY DID NOT MAKE THE CUT FOR THE FINAL. JOHN'S TEAM PLACED SECOND IN THE CONTEST FINAL. GOOD EFFORT FELLAS. ASK JOHN WHY HE SAID "WE WUZ ROBBED!!

THE ATTENDANCE AT THE SHOW WAS 9,000 AND REPORTS CLAIM THE DEALERS WERE BUSY MOST OF THE TIME. THE OVERALL APPRAISAL WAS THAT IT WAS AT LEAST AN AVERAGE OR BETTER SHOW BUSINESS-WISE.

THE HARDCOVER REDBOOK FOR THIS YEAR HAS SOME COLOR PICTURES. THERE IS A SPIRAL EDITION ALSO.

A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE REDBOOK WHICH IS LIMITED TO 1,200 NUMBERED COPIES HAS THE ORIGINAL MAROON COLORED COVER. THE MONEY TREE HAS SOME FOR SALE IF YOU DIDN'T GET YOURS IN DENVER.

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SHOWS:

GREENSBURG COIN CLUB SHOW, Sept. 8th in the Youngwood Firehall on South 2nd Street

P.A.N. SHOW at the EXPOMART, October 25th-26th-and 27th.....Get ready.

NEW YORK CITY A.N.A.....JULY 30 --AUGUST 3, 1997

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August 1996

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PRESIDENT

16M-1G

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR 8-6 1996 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:10

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *Read & Accepted as Read*

2. TREASURER'S Report

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Life</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>\$ 2059.84</i>	<i>750⁰⁰</i>	<i>2809.84</i>

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Brewery Taken Book Master & Corator
Some "Book" books to the ANA for exposure purposes.
Programs for next year - see Ted Shiff

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Social Meeting - need a speaker & place
PNS picnic 8-24th

6. NEW BUSINESS

Robbery both suspects & he held for const.

Program:
Exhibits

ADJOURNED: 9:22

Motion Burns
and Kochanski

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 8-6-96

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Jerry Porter	1. Cory Costo	None
2. John H. Burns	2.	
3. Larry Grubel	3.	
4. Larry Kuchel	4.	Chinese Coins
5. Jeff Skiff	5.	
6. M. Womack	6.	
7. Chuck Erb	7.	
8. Helen Chesnes	8.	Canadian tokens
9. Dick Gaetano	9.	Custer medals
10. Harry Colborn	10.	1848 die state book
11. Jerry Weck	11.	Fosteria. Coin glass
12. Richard Crosby	12.	Worshipers Books + 2 Olympic Medals
13. Charles Cullen	13.	
14. Wayne K. Hansen	14.	Davis, The Drapier's Letters Against Woods Halfpence (Jonathan Swift)
15. Helen Kaminski	15.	
16. Ed Kivonick	16.	
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, August 6, 1996

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Allegheny Bldg., 429 Forbes Ave., 7th Floor

PROGRAM: "Canadian Tokens".....Corleen Chesonis

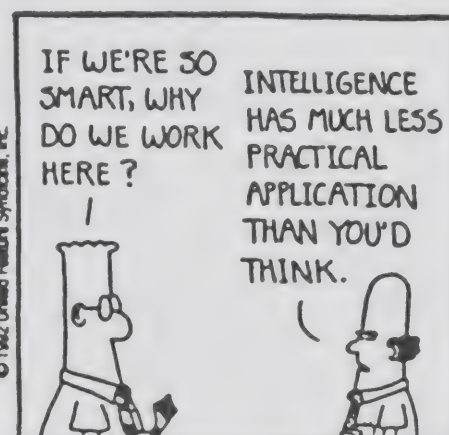
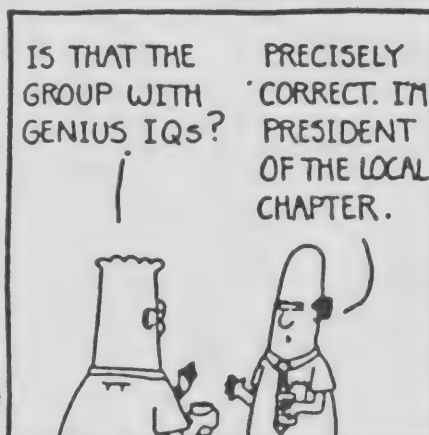
Our calculations show that half of the printing of "National Bank Notes of Allegheny County" has been dispatched already. We should dispose of even more when we get some national exposure.

At the last meeting Ted Shiff reported that some arrests were made in his robbery and there will be an arraignment within the week. We should get an updated report at this meeting

There will be a Strongsville, Ohio Coin Show August 2-4 at the Holiday Inn at I-71 and Rt.82.

Castle Shannon Show will be August 11th at the Fire Hall

The big ANA show is in mid August in Denver, Colorado



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15M-06

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S WORK SHEET FOR July 2, 1996 WPNS MEETING

TIME: 8:05

1. MINUTES of previous meeting *accepted as read*

2. TREASURER'S Report

\$ 2809.24

TOTAL

750.00

Life Fund

2059.24

General Fund

3. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Allegheny - 50 sold or awarded, 50 left to sell

4. CORRESPONDENCE

"Thank you" for Bank Books from ANA + AWS

5. DEFERRED BUSINESS

Exhibits:

6. NEW BUSINESS

Homers: Moved that club donates \$25.00 of the ANA connection. Passed

*Article by David Gony regarding "Life Memberships" should be kept by TREAS. for future reference.
Ted Schiff reports that two were arrested for his burglary last year and a preliminary hearing will be 7-3-96.*

Program: Greenland by Spip Collection

ADJOURNED: 9:20

Motion Enb

Second Roger Hershey

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 7-2-96

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Gary Gribel	1.	
2. Dick Gaetano	2.	Copy - Sutter Token
3. N Colborn	3.	
4. Corbin Chesno	4.	
5. Charles Culliton	5.	GREENLAND
6. RODGER HERSHEY	6.	
7. Ted Stiff	7.	BOOKS
8. Jerry Veeck	8.	
9. Nevin Granger	9.	
10. Mike Kampa	10.	
11. Jim Groninger	11.	
12. Chuck Erb	12.	Canadian \$2. Coin
13. Ed Krivonozh	13.	MOONS & Roman Rep. Bank
14. Rick Gandy	14.	1876 Br-Cent Medal
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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, July 2, 1996

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Allegheny Bldg., 429 Forbes Ave., 7th Floor

PROGRAM: "Greenland Numismatics".....Skip Culleiton

Election results from last month's business meeting are as follows:

President: Dick Gaetano

Vice President: Ted Shift

Secretary: Crosby/Dziubek

Treasurer: Harry Colborn

Curator: Wayne Homren

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

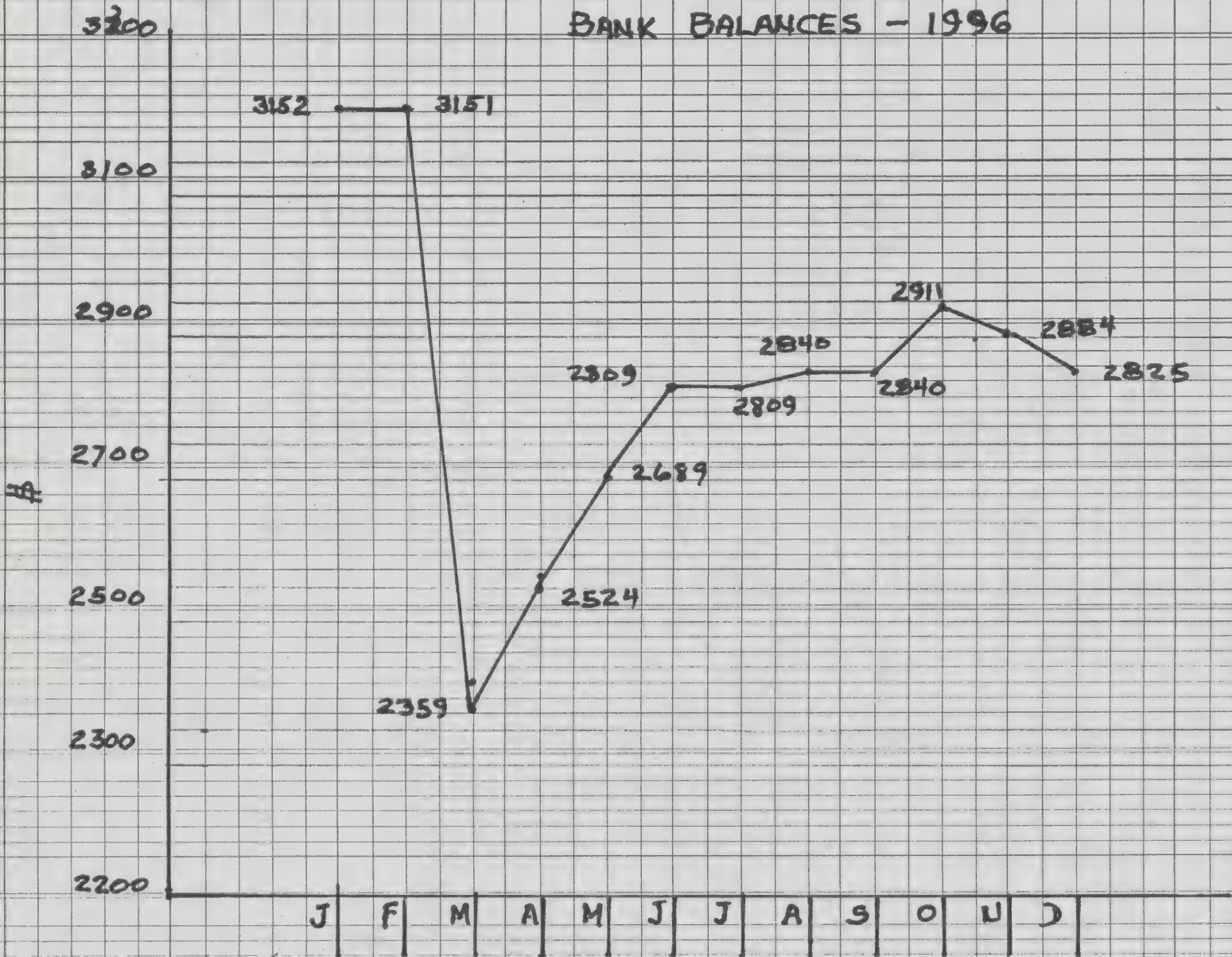
Be sure to read the David L. Ganz article in COIN WORLD about coin club liabilities and life memberships. (PAGE 62 OF THE 7-1-96 ISSUE)

Here is something for Tom Fort to consider as adjunct to Roman Republic research.....
The Sport Card-O-Rama Co. of Peoria, IL had announced it's plans to expand into the Antiquities market. Their first Mail Bid Auction of Ancient Gladiator Cards will be held in conjunction with a major convention to be announced later. Every item from the famous collection of Lucius Septimus Julius Geta, known as Geta, came slabbbed by the Carrara Marble Slab Co. of Palatine. Though he quit collecting in February of 212, the collection includes such highlights as the Spartacus rookie card, Maximus Pompous in retiarius (net and trident) position pitted against an andabatae (helmeted, but blindfolded, on a horseback), a fatal error. Another rare Spartacus card is one where he appears on a group picture of Capua's Circus Maximus Ludus (school) year book of 73 B.C. The cards of the Emperor Comodus, in his gladiator appearance are expected to see spirited bidding though, his fame is not due to his looseless record. The cards for Trajan's Triumphal Games of 107 A.D. include a complete set of 5,000 pairs matched in those games. This collection also includes a large number of cards of gladiators believed to have had some influence on various influential ladies of Rome. Most cards are the part of the "Thumbs Down" series to be found in the bushels of cereal in the Roman Empire throughout the 1st and 2nd centuries. In addition to buyers fees, a bidder should consider shipping charges of about \$4,000 US per metric ton.

Extracted from Alexander Basok's, Rusty Pennies

WPNS

BANK BALANCES - 1996



HLOC 1/97

8:17

June May 1996

Bob Liddell + Corry Costo 14 Members + 2 guests
Minutes: Read + Accepted as corrected
Treas: \$2689.52 \$750.00 \$1939.52
Report of Nominating Committee read
Nominations closed Jim Groninger

Banquet: WPHS East would be prohibitive due to \$500
John Burns paid dues

Reports

Exhibits

Pan Show Report 1100 attended

9:18 Benard More & Adjourn
Larry K 2nd

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NEW YORK · N.Y. 10032

June 05, 1996

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society
Attn: Lawrence Dziubek
P.O. Box 23404
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-9998

Dear Mr. Dziubek:

We acknowledge receipt of the publication(s) listed below, for which we offer our sincere thanks:

Culleiton, Charles J.
National bank notes of Allegheny County.

Sincerely yours,

Francis D. Campbell
Francis D. Campbell
Librarian



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Lawrence Dziubek
The Western Pennsylvania
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P.O. Box 23404
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June 17, 1996

Dear Mr. Dziubek:

Thank you for the copy of the new book, National Bank Notes of Allegheny County by Charles J. Culleton, 1996.

We will add it to our collection right away so our members can borrow it for research.

We appreciate your support of the ANA Library. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Lcc

Lynn Chen
Librarian

WPNS Treasurer's Report For 1995--1996

Bank balance

As of May 1995, the balance was \$3136 of which \$750 was considered as "Life" account.

As of May 1996 the balance was \$2690, with the "Life" account remaining at \$750.

Major expenditures

The 1995 social meeting cost \$753, of which only \$21 was subsidized by the Society.

Printing of the National Currency book cost \$803. Receipts to date total \$346.

Members

As of May, 1995, there were 38 members and one corresponding member.

During the period, two new members were added. Six were deleted due to non-payments of dues. One died.

As of May, 1996, there are 33 members and one corresponding member.

Other Assets

Other assets of the Society include a number of unsold group photographs taken in 1993, a number of unsold Journals and some Society medals. The exact number of these items was not determined for this report.

H.W. Colborn

7/4/96

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

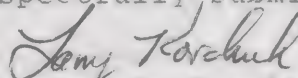
1996 Vice President's Annual Report

Controversy characterized 1996. I was appointed to the vice-presidency when the elected V.P. resigned, the society's officers were involved in a complex dispute involving the membership, and the Society's secretary resigned. Notwithstanding, WPNS overcame the distractions and focused on numismatics.

As usual, the programs were excellent. Furthermore, the controversies have been replaced by good fellowship.

The Society continues to thrive and share knowledge... as it should be.

Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence C. Korchnak
June 4, 1996

WPJOS - Meeting
June 4, 1996

Members

Sam Korich
Richard Giedy
Rodger Johnson
Wayne Hommen
Chuck Erb
Dick Gaetano
Gary Stabile
Charles Culliton
Jim Groninger
Ed Brionaldi
Harry Colborn
John D. Burns
Ellen Kaminsky
MIKE HOMZA

Guests

Bob Liddell
Cory Costo

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Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find a complimentary copy of our club's latest numismatic work.
Please add it to your numismatic library for research purposes of area banking.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Dziubek

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society
May 7, 1996 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM by VP Korchnak. No minutes for the previous meeting were submitted. Treasurer Colburn reported last month's balance of \$2359.38 with an additional \$164.92 from the sale of the recently published Banknotes of Allegheny County. The present balance is \$2524.38 (\$1774.30 in the regular account and \$750.00 in the life account). The treasurer's report was accepted by acclamation. There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Membership - no new membership applications
Allegheny Project - copies of the banknote book are available; a new piece was added to the encased book bringing the total of new encased items to 75.
Journal - coming along...it should be ready by the ANA

A Nominating Committee was appointed as per the WPNS Constitution and Bylaws: Hornren, Crosby, and Kaminski. An Auditing Committee shall be appointed at the June meeting.

The June meeting is reserved for business, however, it was decided that members will have an opportunity to talk about "Good Stuff" in an open forum.

Old Business:

The ANA promotional tape was passed on to member Korchnak to be followed by Harry Colburn and Jerry Veeck.

New Business:

Larry Dziubek confirmed the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society membership cards: there will be four cards that entitle the bearer to admit one person as opposed to one card entitling the bearer to four admissions.

The Society approved the donation of the banknote book by acclamation to the ANA, Western Pennsylvania Historical Society, ANS, and a review copy to the Banknote Reporter, and the Carnegie.

An admirably researched presentation was made by Tom Forte on Saturninus, a mintmaster of Rome.

Exhibits included a Boggs Women Series note, Anglo-Saxon coins, a UNICEF Year of the Child gold set, a 1930 charge card, a 1708 siege groschen from Hungary, and a counterfeit bust half die with a coin produced by it.

Members were urged to support the upcoming Pan show. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chuck Erb and a second by Pat Pugliano at 9:45 PM.

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Jc/KBL
6/4/96

Called to Order 8:10

Minutes (next time)

Treasurer Report : + 164.92

bal. 2359.38

2524.30

\$ 750 Life Acct

\$ 1774.30 Reg. Acct

Correspondence - none of note

Committee Reports

• Membership

• Allegheny — copies available

• Encastel — added a piece (now 75!)

• Journal — coming along... should be ready by ANA

Non. Comm.

Libby H.

Rich C.

Eileen K.

Auditing Comm

— App't at June Meeting

for June

Open forum "Good Stuff"

Old Business

ANA Tape to Long K.

(next) Harry C.

Jerry V.

New Business

Historical Society membership ☆
4 cards admitting 1 each
not 1 card admitting 4 people

[Idea Hist. Soc. - Banquet !! catered]

PAN Show - ☆

Agreed on by acclimation

(Donating)

Books: to ANA

Hist. Soc.

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Skip E
+ Larry D.

Bank Note Reporter Review Copy

Program: Saturninus

Exhibits: (L.C.K.)

1708 Siege of Besen Varadin

50 Cash Fution

Rev. War pay slip (1783)

(Crosby)

1930 Change card + things gotten at an antique mall

(Larry D.)

Can glass plate (ca. 1964), spurious coins

(Ted S.)

Unif Yr of Child gold set (12 coins, proof)

(Chuck Erb)

Counterfeit Obv. die + a coin produced by it

(Eileen C.)

new Canadian bi-metallic #2 coin

(Skip)

British: Anglo Saxon Edw. confessor + Groat + Guinea

(Wayne)

Boggs ~~Notes~~ - Women Series

(Harry)

Eliasberg Catalogues, etc.

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WPNS
Meeting May 7, 1996

Members

Larry Korbel

Harry Colborn

Edward A. Kivonishk

Tom Foot

Gat Supleave

✓ ED Shiff

Larry Gribble

Chuck Erb

Allen Kaminsky

Carlton Chesnois

Jim Gronowicz

Mike Hays

Roger Hirsch

R E Hirsch

Charles Culliton

Robert Crerly

Wayne Honnen

Joe Veech

Dick Gaetano

Guests

Cory Costa

OBITUARIES

JOHN ROBERT MEREDITH

Civic-minded ex-dealer in coins

By LaMont Jones

Post-Gazette Staff Writer

John Robert Meredith loved to play sports, but he didn't participate in them as a teen-ager so that he could work and help support his family.

He delayed his senior year in high school by one year so that he could fight in World War II.

As an adult, the Elizabeth Township resident continued to help others by serving on numerous educational, hospital and civic boards.

"He was 6-foot-4 and had a heart as big as he was," said Gloria Bernstein, a friend of 40 years.

Mr. Meredith died Saturday of aplastic anemia in Allegheny General Hospital. He was 67.

One of his greatest loves was collecting and dealing in rare coins. He was the retired president of West Penn Coin Exchange and Coins and owned coin and stamp departments in Kaufmann's Downtown, Marshall Fields in Chicago, Lazarus in Columbus, Ohio, and Latherow & Co. in Arlington, Va.

He was a former member of the

Elizabeth Forward school board and the Elizabeth Forward Student Aid Committee.

He was past president of the board of Podiatry Hospital of Pittsburgh and served on the board of the Auberle Home for boys for six years in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"He was very much interested in children and furthering the mission of Auberle," said Ray Niedenberger, executive director of the Pauline Auberle Foundation.

Born in McKeesport on May 10, 1928, he showed a devotion to family at an early age, choosing to work rather than play high school sports to help support his family. He played football in college and in the Navy and continued to enjoy sports throughout his life.

He would have graduated from McKeesport High School in 1946, but he wanted to fight in World War II. So, in 1945, at the age of 17, he obtained his mother's permission to enlist in the Navy.

After serving in the Pacific, he went back to school and graduated with the McKeesport High School

Class of 1947. One of his classmates was Barbara Rotheram, who became his wife in 1955.

In 1950, Mr. Meredith graduated from Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., with a bachelor's degree in business. He later served on the university's presidential board of advisers, was elected distinguished alumnus in 1988 and headed the alumni association in 1990 and 1991.

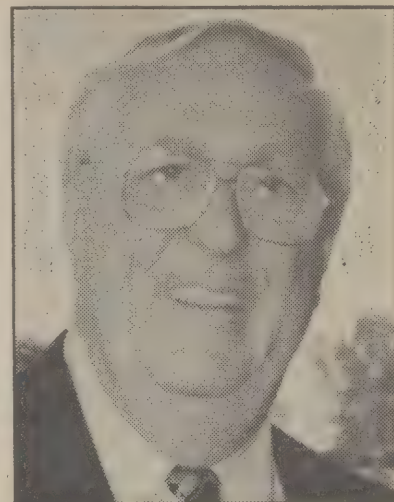
His first job out of school was in industrial relations at U.S. Steel Corp., his wife said. He later sold real estate.

Mr. Meredith was a member of Youghiogheny Lodge 583, a trustee of Free and Accepted Masons and was active in other masonic organizations.

Alvin Bernstein, a friend of 40 years, described Mr. Meredith as a wonderful joke teller.

"He had a great boisterous laugh. He would have made a wonderful Santa Claus," Bernstein said.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Meredith is survived by two daughters, Coralyn Benhart and Jeannette Dodd, both of Pleasant Hills; a son,



John Robert Meredith in 1993.

John Rotherm Meredith of Baldwin Borough; a sister, Jeannette Hitchens of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Visitation is from 1 to 9 p.m. today in Hunter Funeral Home, 1600 Coursin St., McKeesport. Masonic services are at 7 p.m. today in the funeral home.

The funeral is at 11 a.m. tomorrow in Mount Vernon Community Presbyterian Church, McKeesport. Burial will follow in the Garden Mausoleum of the cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Carnegie Free Library of McKeesport or a favorite charity.

NEIGHBORHOODS

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE ■ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1995

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High school boards see power transfer

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elected a new president and vice president last night.

William Bresnahan was elected president and Charles Davidson vice president. Three new members were seated — Sandra Garbisch, Michael Wiley and Sandra Wendler.

The reorganized board made one immediate change. Members decided that the monthly agenda meeting on the first Monday of the month will be rotated each month to a different district building, starting in February. Previous boards have held all meetings at the high school.

John Hackworth was unanimously re-elected vice president of the Riverview school board, but the board deferred electing a president because of a tie between two candidates.

Hackworth was absent from the meeting, and current President James Fowkes and board member Pat Woltjen each received four votes for president.

The position will be filled at a special meeting later this month.

Riverview changed its normal secret-ballot vote for officers this year because of

Casino instead to head the board in 1996.

In a 6-3 vote, Casino defeated John Busato, who served as board vice president this year. Casino has served on the board for 10 years.

Board member William Brasco was elected vice president for 1996. He has served on the board for 25 years.

Brasco's nephew, Gary Brasco, was sworn in for his first term. Also sworn in were board members Jerry Gaudi, Mark Gogolski, Nick Masciantonio and Joseph Yorio, all of whom were re-elected to the board in the November general election.

Casino said he will devote his term to pushing for renovations of the high school.

The Hampton school board elected a new president and vice president last night and welcomed five new members.

Walter Blenko, a two-year veteran of the board, was elected president. Karene Scott, a new member, was elected vice president.

The other four new members on the board are Cathy Mall, Sara Lamia, Michael O'Rourke and Charles Smullin Jr.

and R. James Saunders as well as returning members Frances Ekl and John Nabuda.

Board President La Vonne Shields was re-elected on a 6-1 vote, with two abstentions.

Bevan voted against the nomination, while Dominick and Saunders abstained.

Karen Piper defeated Dominick for vice president. Dominick had nominated Piper for the board presidency, but she declined.

On the Butler Area school board, three new members, Lu Ann Byrnes, Paul Hudock and Raymond Johnston, were sworn in. Two incumbents, Larry Goettler and Ed Hasson, were re-elected in November.

Penny Logan was re-elected board president, and Hasson was re-elected vice president.

The Greensburg Salem school board last night re-elected its president and vice president for 1996.

President Barbara Hinkle and Vice President Trudy Ivory were re-elected in 8-1 votes, with new board member Richard Lewis opposed. Lewis did not explain his

Schedule of Business WPNS proposed 5-18-95

June annual business meeting
election of officers
reports of pres., sec., treas., curator
report of auditing committee

July new officers begin
dues are due
program is prepared for printing
planning social begins

Aug.

Sept program is mailed

Oct coin ID day

Nov social meeting

Dec

Jan

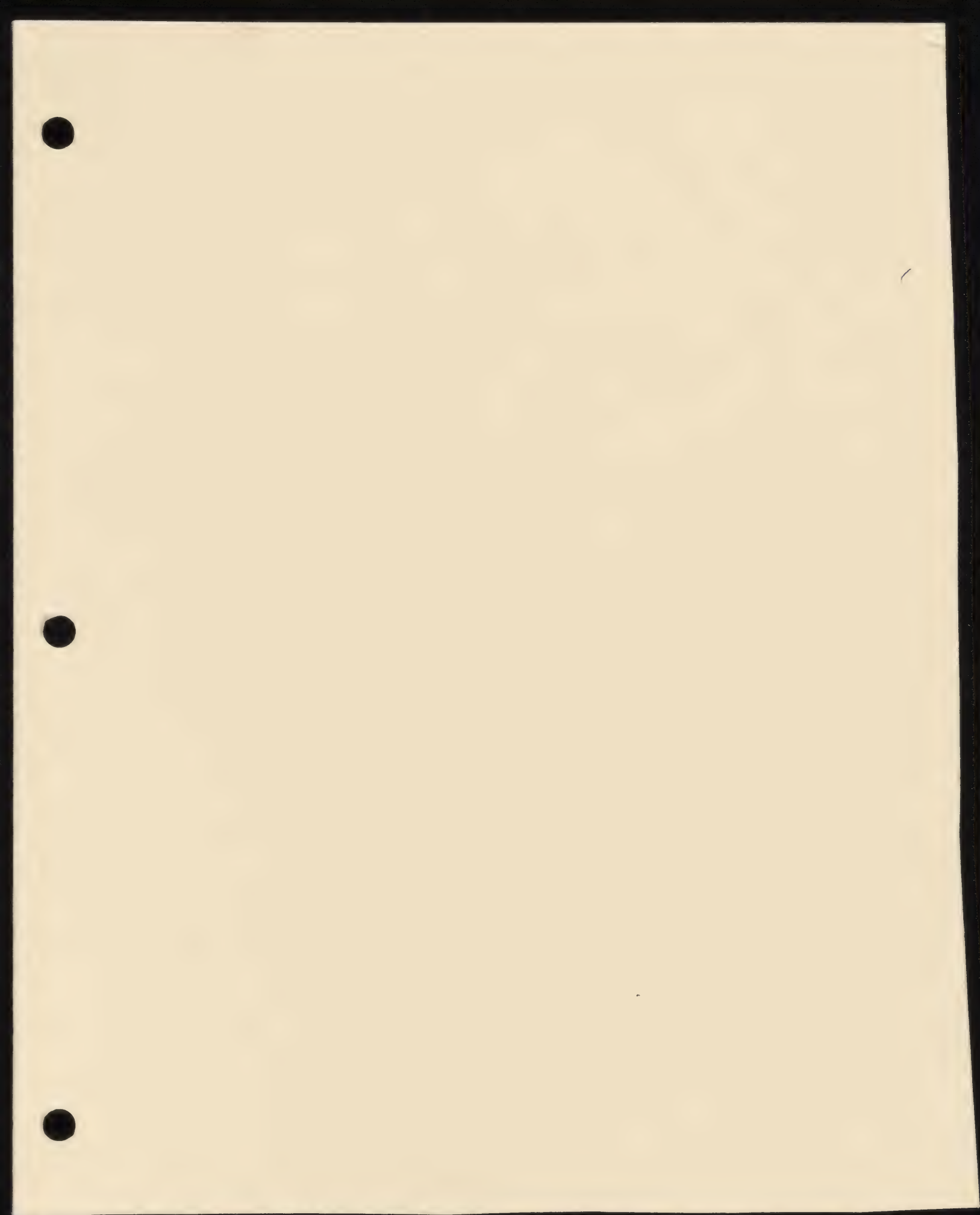
Feb

March

Apr appoint nominate comm
appoint audit comm
museum meeting

May open nominations
historical society dues due





The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

P.O. Box 23404, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-9998



W.P.N.S. Member Biography

Today's Date:

Name:

Current Residence:

Year Started Collecting:

Date of Birth:

Year Joined WPNS:

Place of Birth:

Sponsored By:

Father's Name:

Mother's Name:

Spouse's Name:

Father's Occupation:

Mother's Occupation:

Spouse's Occupation:

Children's Names, Occupations:

Education:

Other Numismatic Organizations (name, year joined):

Occupation(s):

Numismatic Interests/Accomplishments:

Other Interests:

The item(s) I'm most proud to have in my collection:

OFFICERS

President.....Ed Krivoniak
 Vice President.....Larry Korchnak
 Secretary.....Mike Homza
 Treasurer.....Harry Colborn
 Curator.....Wayne Homren

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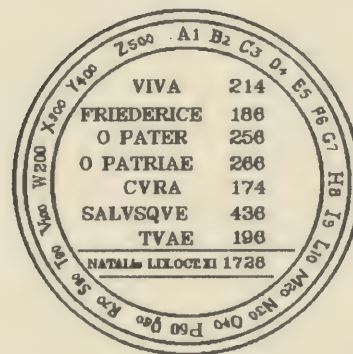


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Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

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 June 14, 1878

Pittsburgh, PA



118th Year
 1995-1996

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month, at the 7th Floor Conference Room, Allegheny Building 429 Forbes Avenue, Downtown. Doors at 7:00 p.m., meeting begins at 8:00.

September 5, 1995
"French Tokens of 1848"Larry Korchnak

October 3, 1995
"Numismatic Errors"Ed Krivoniak

November 7, 1995
Social Meeting
Victoria Hall, Bloomfield
6:30 Cocktails
7:30 Dinner

December 5, 1995
"Daniel Boone"Dick Gaetano

January 2, 1996
"Numismatics in the News"Wayne Homren

February 6, 1996
"The Ides of March"Tom Fort

March 5, 1996
"Circle of Friends"Richard Crosby

April 2, 1996
Location: Carnegie Museum Annex
5800 Baum Boulevard
"Early Large Cents"John Burns

May 7, 1996
"Stuff"Rodger Hershey

June 4, 1996
Annual Business Meeting
"Swapping Stories"

July 2, 1996
"Greenland Numismatics"Skip Culleton

August 6, 1996
"Canadian Tokens"Corleen Chesonis



The Program Committee urges you to bring recent acquisitions or any other articles of numismatic interest for display at the meetings. Particularly welcome are exhibits related to the current program topic.

Bring a Guest!

WPNS Jan 2 1996

Call to order at 8:15 PM By Pres. Ed H.

No minutes to read.

Treas Report 3208 — 750 life 2460 Reg.

OLD BUSINESS - Max Mehl Book held by Chuck Erb.

- Allegheny Project - Paper Money Book

Proof of 1/2 book

here to view

Soon to go to print

NEW BUSINESS

- Report on Jerry Veeck condition - ^{now} home
- Who to drop from membership
- articles needed for journal

PROGRAM

- Wayne H. - Articles on Coins
From Newspapers
"NUMISMATICS IN THE NEWS"

EXHIBITS WERE SHOWN BY MEMBERS

Meeting ADJOURNED AT 10 PM

Rick Gaetano

Acting Sec.

WPNS

Jan 2 1986

1. Alex Gattano
2. H. Colborn
3. Ed Hunonick
4. Tom Fort
5. John D. Burns
6. Jim Georinger
7. Wayne Hammen
8. Charles Culliton
9. Carleen Chesonis
10. Mike Komya

Georinger medals

Plated Chapman estate; Major Lambert 1916

plated Parmelee sale 1890

GREEK TARENTUM COIN & BOTTLE OF BEER

1995 US Commemorative

get to Larry

Treas - Harry Colborn > ~~banquet~~

Treas. Report 3189.26
750 in life

called at 8:05 by Larry Harry

Pres at Meredith funeral, V.P.'s mom sick

Minutes of Oct read by Larry K - accepted

Corr. of Larry K read & approved

Old

Tom - look for new Sec. - still open -

Mem. dues - tabled to next meeting - several mem in arrears

→ NEW BUSINESS

John Meredith & Phyllis died

Talk by Dick Guitano

inform at 9:35 by Larry K
2nd Ted

Sign in - Dec Meeting

- 1 Michael Wmza
- 2 Chuck Erb
- 3 Larry Gribble
- 4 E. Pemburn Port
- 5 Carlos Chesonis
- 6 Charles Culliton
- 7 Larry Colborn
- 8 John D. Burns
- 9 Rodger Hershey
- 10 Jim Krouniger
- 11 Richard Crilly
- 12 I e d Shuff
- 13 Nevin Greninger
- 14 Dick Gaetano
- 15 William Coenere
- 16 Larry Korchnak
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TO: Members of the WPNS
FROM: Lawrence Korchnak, Vice-President *L Korchnak*
RE: Homza letter to WPNS (September 27, 1995)
DATE: November 7, 1995

I recently came across a letter in the WPNS files that was placed without the knowledge or consent of the Society. This letter was addressed to the membership and contained a number of offensive comments directed toward the Society and two officers of the Society (President and Vice-President). Mr. Homza continues to press the issue of theft and voting irregularities after the matters have been resolved by WPNS. I am clearly disturbed by his disregard for the Society's findings and the inferences directed towards me as an officer of WPNS. I am honor bound to respond to the letter (attached).

* Mr. Homza persists in addressing the Society's role in the alleged theft of a large cent at a WPNS meeting. He does so while refusing to take personal responsibility to pursue the matter on his own. A theft is not the province of a Society that has no mechanism to investigate beyond simple inquiry. Given the facts known to the society, an equally plausible explanation could be that Mr. Homza himself may have lost or misplaced the coin in question. This is an option that he refuses to consider.

* Mr. Homza claims that the Society should have found the act of looking at his coins at a meeting by a member to "be unacceptable." I find his contention to be unacceptable. Members bring their coins and collectibles to meetings for that very purpose. If member Homza does not trust the membership, he should cease to bring his material for display. Trust is the cement that holds organizations together; WPNS has guarded that trust for 117 years.

* Mr. Homza further contends that I and President Krivoniak wish "to avoid" the issue of theft: He is wrong. The matter of the alleged theft was discussed openly at both the September and October meetings and WPNS created a committee to investigate voting irregularities. The Society, however, wishes only to avoid doing Mr. Homza's personal police work.

* Mr. Homza's letter claims that I and President Krivoniak "blamed" another person for the voting irregularities: No one was blamed. The committee investigated the election and found no irregularities.

* Mr. Homza also states that the person in question "deserves a formal apology." The society has no intention of apologizing to anyone for unsubstantiated incendiary comments made by non-members.

* Mr. Homza states that "accuracy is important" yet rejects the facts:

1. The theft is unsubstantiable.
2. The voting irregularities are unsubstantiable.
3. The Society acted in good faith, to the fullest extent of its authority, to resolve allegations that it found to be spurious.

* Mr. Homza's resignation was regrettable, and so was the manner in which it was offered: A public declaration in the Society newsletter (which, in my opinion, was an improper use of the newsletter). I find it curious that he chose to surreptitiously place a letter in the WPNS file after the fact ("September 27, 1995").

* Member Homza has created turmoil where none should have existed. Instead of following President Krivoniak's advice to bring the matter to the membership months ago, he chose to personally attack another member (by letter) who, thereupon, had the courage to face his accuser and bring his case to the membership. The matter now settled, Mr. Homza continues to confuse the Society's role in his personal affairs while he casts aspersions on the Society, its President, and Vice-President. He does this again by means of a "secret" letter.

* Mr. Homza states that he "...seems to be getting so little consideration from these two officers..." He has received the fullest cooperation, the generous support, and the maximum effort possible under the circumstances.

* Mr. Homza ends his letter inferring that someone knows something and isn't talking ("...there must be someone with information concerning the loss of my coin..."). The facts speak for themselves...he simply chooses to ignore the facts.

For the good of the WPNS, I hope that Mr. Homza ends his obsession, overcomes his paranoia, and ceases making unfounded accusations toward the Society and its officers.

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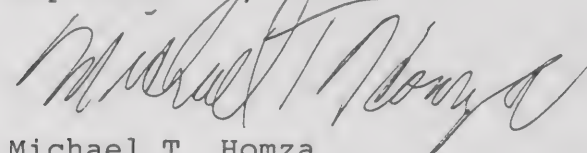
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September 27, 1995

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Homza", written in a cursive style.

Michael T. Homza

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WPNS
Minutes of the November 7, 1995 Social Meeting

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guests
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J. H. H.

103 North Brodhead Road
Aliquippa, PA 15001
November 24, 1995

Mr. John Martine, AIA
Integrated Architectural Services Corp.
1700 The Abbott Building
401 Wood Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Dear Mr. Martine:

I know that this is a bit late, but I extend the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society's gratitude for a fine talk at our November meeting. The members in attendance were universally pleased with your presentation on Victorian architecture. Thanks again, and don't forget to forward some information on the Victorian Society to share with our members.

Sincerely,

Larry Korchnak
Vice-President, WPNS

*Sent in place of
Standard meeting notice*

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DIRECTIONS TO VICTORIA HALL
201 South Winebiddle Street

Victoria Hall is one block off Penn Avenue (on the left side of the street) between Penn Avenue and Liberty Avenue in Bloomfield.

South Winebiddle Street is ONE WAY and you cannot approach Victoria Hall directly from Liberty Avenue. Here's how to get there:

1. FROM PITTSBURGH...Get on to Penn Avenue and proceed past St. Francis Hospital for several blocks. Turn right on to S. Winebiddle.

2. FROM THE EAST END...

- a. travel west from Penn Circle, or
- b. turn off N. Negley on to Penn Avenue

...proceed towards St. Francis Hospital. Turn left on to S. Winebiddle several blocks before the hospital.

* PLEASE let me know ASAP if you are coming...Our dining *
* location in the mansion will be determined by the size *
* of the dinner party. *

WPNS FALL SOCIAL

November 7, 1995

at

Join us
for a
splendid
evening

Historic Victoria Hall

Near West Penn Hospital
at 201 South Winebiddle St.
just off Penn Avenue

Speaker: John Martine, Pres.
Victorian Society of Pittsburgh

* Cash Bar 6:30-7:30 PM

* Dinner 7:30 PM

* Valet Service Provided

Reservations accepted until
Sunday, October 29, 1995

Return the form to me
at my table at the PAN show
or
mail to:

Lawrence Korchnak
P.O. Box 1083
Aliquippa, PA 15001

(412) 375-7987

RESERVATION FOR WPNS SOCIAL

Name _____ Guest _____

* _____ Prime Rib, Vegetable, Escalloped Potatoes \$34.00

* _____ Coq au Vin, Vegetable, Wild Rice \$28.00

Please indicate the number of dinners desired.
Make checks payable to WPNS.

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Michael T. Homza

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society
Proceedings of the October Meeting
October 3, 1995

The meeting was called to order by president Krivoniak at 8:15 PM. He welcomed guest Cory Costo.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved unanimously by acclamation including a summary of the dispute between members Homza and Forte which was read by vice president Larry Korchnak.

The treasurer's report was read by treasurer Colburn and approved unanimously by acclamation. With income of \$38.85 in the month of September, the treasury balance now stands at \$2995.46 (including \$750 in the life account).

Committee reports: Vice president Larry Korchnak read a report from the President's Committee on Membership Election Procedures. The report offered several suggestions to the society for minimizing the possibility of election improprieties. The report is attached.

There was no correspondence

Under Old Business, Tom Forte reported that 5 more copies of the Proceedings of the WPNS were sold. He encouraged submissions by members for the next issue which will be briefer and have a more limited edition.

Under New Business, the society was informed that members Burns and Homren were appointed to committee positions by the ANA at the Anaheim Convention. Member Rodger Hershey brought back two books for the society: Abe Kosoff Remembers, and Abe Kosoff: Dean of Numismatics. A motion was made by Tom Forte and seconded by Corleen Chesonis to auction the two books at next month's social meeting. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

Jim Groninger moved to accept the committee report on membership election procedures. It was seconded by John Burns and passed unanimously by acclamation. A discussion ensued concerning the position of Secretary due to the recent resignation of Mike Homza. There were no volunteers and the society will hold over discussion and a vote until the next business meeting.

Ted Shiff moved to permit the use of the society's name in conjunction with continued attempts to recover the material lost in his recent burglary. The motion was seconded by Tom Forte and passed unanimously by acclamation.

President Ed Krivoniak presented a fine talk on Error Coins explaining the types of errors, the minting procedures that produced the errors, and providing examples for the society's members to see.

The exhibits included large cents, medals and errors cents, Swedish rixdalers, German encased postage stamps, Roman Republic coins, a fugio cent, hard times tokens, and a book entitled The History of Bimetallism in the United States.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM on a motion by Rodger Hershey and a second by Larry Korchnak.

Larry Korchnak

President's Committee Report
on
Membership Election Procedures

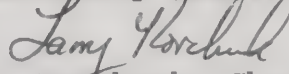
The president's committee met on Saturday, September 23, 1995, at 3:15 PM. All committee members were in attendance: Eileen Kaminsky, Larry Korchnak, Chair, Ed Krivoniak, President, and Ted Shiff. The purpose of the meeting was to consider procedures to safeguard against improprieties in the election of new members. The committee addressed the allegation of an impropriety in the election of member E. Tomlinson Forte. After considering all available information, the committee concluded that there were no grounds to substantiate any wrongdoing.

The committee's attention focused on the means to safeguard against problems arising in future elections of new members. To this end, the committee recommends:

1. That the minutes of the meeting shall contain the names of the persons who collect ballots and count the vote.
2. That the ballots shall be checked and verified by the president who shall be responsible for their disposal.

The committee noted that it is appropriate to address any question concerning the election process or outcome prior to the president's verification. The committee further notes that once the president of the society has substantiated the vote count and disposed of the ballots, the vote shall stand.

Respectfully submitted,


Larry Korchnak, Chair

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 10/3/95

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Ed Kinnear	1. CORY COSTO	Error Coins
2. H. Colborn	2.	large cents
3. T. Shift	3.	Medals & Error Cents
4. Jim Kravitz	4.	Swedish Riksdalers
5. Richard Crosby	5.	German Excess Postage Stamp
6. Chuck Erb	6.	
7. Larry Grubbe	7.	Roman Republic Denarii
8. Larry Kordahl	8.	Fugio Cent, German Commemorative
9. Colleen Chastain	9.	
10. Roger Fersha	10.	HARD TIMES TOKENS
11. E. Tomlinson Fort	11.	ROMAN REPUBLICAN COINS
12. John W. Burns	12.	
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THE NEWSLETTER THAT IS
A LETTER

NEXT MEETING OCT. 3
ALLEGHENY BUILDING, 7th FLOOR
USUAL AT 7, STUFF AT 8

PROGRAM: NUMISMATIC ERRORS
BY ED KRIVONIAK

The last meeting saw us with 19 members present. Real good evening turnout with some of the regulars on vacation. We were even visited by Pat McBride. Which should go far to allay the rumors that he was merely an invention of our collective minds. Now if only our missing Larry would return to the fold, all would be right with the world. And 3 or 4 of the rest of you would be nice as well. The program presented by our other Larry (not Larry but Larry) taught us a lot about how some of the trends in French history and politics came to a head, numismatically, in one important year.

A HELLO FROM AN OLD FRIEND: Sarann Sloss met up with one of our members and asked to have her warmest regards passed on to the Society. One of my regrets is not remembering Doc from the old days and not having been in this club during his years. Hearing how the older members speak of him and his wife tells me that they were/are very special people.

DOES HE EVER SLEEP? Wayne presented the archives with an advance copy/sample of his new book. At this time, he is shopping it around for a publisher and making other arrangements to get it into print. Once things are finalized, you will hear about it here first. Or we just won't buy the darn thing. For all the things he does and tries to do, I get the feeling that Wayne --- Well, are we sure he is human? Or do they just power him down for maintenance now and then? Whichever, when our own little X File gets his ink dry, we will let you know.

COIN I.D. DAY: John will again head up our effort to help the public at large. This year's date is Oct. 14 from 10am-2pm. The Carnegie has promised us better advertising this year. After last year, we all hope so. As I remember it, only one person came. After that disaster, John is reserving the right to cancel the whole thing if it looks to be another bust. Call John at 824-2281 or see him at the next meeting to get on his show up/stay home list. When it works well, I.D. day is a great help to the people as well as our hobby. Our thanks to him for leading the effort again.

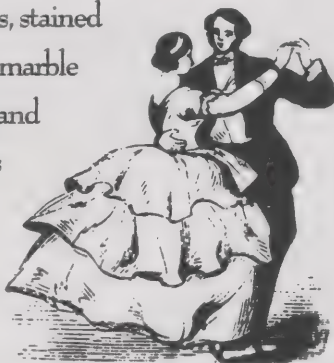
A LITTLE UPDATE ON WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH TED: One person has been arrested. At this time, the theft is not charged against him, but the police believe he could have information that is badly needed. The problem is that the slime in question is professional slime; so far, he will not roll over on anyone



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WPNS FALL SOCIAL

November 7, 1995

at

Historic Victoria Hall

Near West Penn Hospital
at 201 South Winebiddle St.
just off Penn Avenue

Speaker: John Martine, Pres.
Victorian Society of Pittsburgh

* Cash Bar 6:30-7:30 PM

* Dinner 7:30 PM

* Valet Service Provided

Reservations accepted until
Sunday, October 29, 1995

Mail the form below to:

Lawrence Korchnak
P.O. Box 1083
Aliquippa, PA 15001

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RESERVATION FOR WPNS SOCIAL

Name _____ Guest _____

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| * _____ | Prime Rib, Vegetable, Escalloped Potatoes | \$34.00 |
| * _____ | Coq au Vin, Vegetable, Wild Rice | \$28.00 |

Please indicate the number of dinners desired.
Make checks payable to WPNS.

else. There are some legal tactics being discussed, but no indication they will work. And no items stolen have turned up yet.

As I have said, we must keep the heat on from our end. Finding something on the market and backtracking may not be the best we can hope for, but it is something to hope for. If a good criminal mind can beat our collective wits and efforts, we are in big trouble folks. We all get tired: but we cannot rest until the crooks make one mistake that we can find. Ted is counting on us; I am counting on you. Thanks from both of us.

NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY OPEN THIS MONTH!!! For two reasons, I will be resigning this month. One is that I had a small stroke a couple weeks back. My doctor, Hassan (the Assassin), isn't real worried, but this is a tough job to do when your one arm doesn't work right and your concentration wanders. The other is that I disagree with a couple of the other officers about a basic point of our Society. As members, we have an obligation to the group: all, even our absent friends, are great at doing all they can to help. The other part of the equation is that the Society has some responsibility to the members. This we do terribly. Some, like Don, have become so disgusted with this that they have left in anger. I prefer to leave with simple disappointment. That way I can still be an active member even if not a political member. I will still be around; even hope to be there this month. It's just being part of those "in charge" that I am giving up.

Since this happened, I have gone to a couple Living History events. I knew that every other person there would look out for me and my safety. The rules of a Society assure this. Even those who do not know me will do their part as members of the Society. For no reason than we are all members. WPNS needs to develop some of this attitude. Or risk becoming, as some say, "just another lousy coin club".

TO START THE PROCESS allow me to nominate John Burns. He has the general numismatic knowledge I don't have along with the same "sick puppy" sense of humor I do have. I am here to help whoever you pick.

AND JUST TO ASSURE ALL THAT I REALLY AM FINE: What is the difference between a lawyer and a debilitating disease? You can get used to the disease!

A MOTION, IN CASE I DO NOT GET TO THE NEXT MEETING. As most of you know, I have been doing a mail campaign to help Ted. The officers gave me permission to use the club's address and name so that other clubs and people would take the event seriously and help us spread the word. As Pat, and others, can attest, it has worked like gangbusters and has given the Society some needed "good and welfare" attention as well. All expenses, including the things sent to members, are coming out of my pocket, so the Society has nothing to lose. I would like the

formal permission of the Society to continue. It is something I can still do to help us all.

COMING SHOWS

OCT 8 NICKEL TRADER ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW at the Castle Shannon Firehall 8am-3pm info at 941-2338 look for me there I rarely miss one

OCT 27 PAN SHOW at the EXPO MART in Monroeville Handy to the mall, so you can send the wife shopping. That

OCT 29 way she can't complain about all the coins you buy. And some really great exhibits this year. Call any of our officers for more information. Especially Wayne.

The last newsletter I wrote/edited was for a fishing/conservation group. Twenty-six pages, five times a year, 7,000 copies. When I retired, I closed with the title of the only fiction book I really enjoy. I will do the same here. You may now close your BROWN & DUNNS.

SO LONG, AND THANKS FOR ALL THE FISH!!!

(it will take some research on your part to get the joke)
(didn't expect me to make it easy, now, did you?)



B.C.



Summary of Members' Dispute
September 5, 1995

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After the discussion, President Ed Krivoniak appointed a committee to study the voting procedure and make recommendations to the Society. The committee members are: Eileen Kaminsky, Larry Korchnak, Chair, Ed Krivoniak and Ted Shiff.

Larry Korchnak
Lawrence Korchnak
September 8, 1995

The minutes of the Sept 5 meeting of WPNS prepared by M. Homza.

The meeting was called to order by President Krivoniak at 8:15.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer H. Colborn mailed in a report showing a balance of \$2,946.61 of which \$750 is in the life fund.

AS a form of correspondence: Larry Korchnak reported on a conversation he had with Sarann Sloss, wife of a former member, where she asked that her regards be passed on to the Society.

Curator Wayne Homren reports that the disks for the Allegheny Project have been located within the archives. Mr. Homren also presented the Society with a draft of the book he has been working on.

OLD BUSINESS:

The speaker for the social meeting, reports chairman Korchnak, will be John Mantine who is the president of the Victorian Society of Pittsburgh. His program will be on that era.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Burns will again chair the Coin I.D. Day to be held at the Carnegie Museum. The date will be Oct. 14, from 10am-2pm. It is hoped that this year will be better advertised. If not, the event may be canceled.

Regular business was tabled until after the program. A separate report on the last business will be prepared by Mr. Korchnak.

The program was presented by Mr. Korchnak.

The motion to adjourn was made by Larry Korchnak and seconded by Pat Pugliano. It passed at 9:44.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: Sept 5, 1995

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. <u>M. Wompa</u>	1.	<u>Books</u>
2. <u>C. N. ERB</u>	2.	<u>Swiss Medal</u>
3. <u>Cory Gribble</u>	3.	
4. <u>Larry Korchwal</u>	4.	<u>1577 Danzig Siege Taler</u>
5. <u>E. HENNINGSON FORT</u>	5.	<u>BOOKS</u>
6. <u>John V. Burns</u>	6.	
7. <u>Ed Krivonozh</u>	7.	<u>FOREIGN MEDALS</u> <u>LIBERIAN COINS &</u>
8. <u>Colleen Kammerling</u>	8.	
9. <u>Wayne Hommer</u>	9.	<u>1783 NOVA CONSTELLATIO COPPER</u> <u>C 2-B</u>
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11. <u>Jerry Porter</u>	11.	
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15. <u>Mike Baetano</u>	15.	
16. <u>Jerry Veck</u>	16.	
17. <u>Rich Crosby</u>	17.	
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The French Medals and Jetons of 1848

by

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The French Medals and Jetons of 1848

During times of political and social unrest, events occur in a dizzying fashion. In our western culture, 1848 was such a time. It was called the year of revolution. This was especially true for France whose political arena was still quite volatile 50 years after the French Revolution. Like the 1789 Revolution, the turmoil of 1848 left a rich legacy for collectors in a smorgasbord of exonumia.



Andrieux medal depicting the Siege of the Bastille
on July 14, 1789

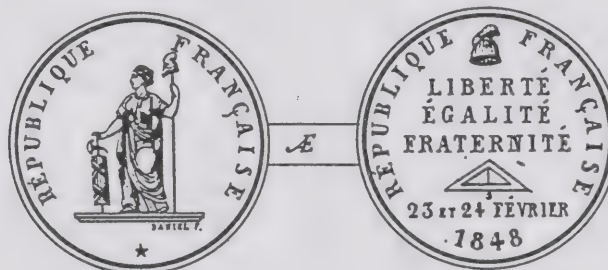
A great variety of medals and jetons were issued in France in 1848. Though not well known outside of Europe, these pieces have a great deal of appeal. Many of them resemble earlier pieces associated with the Revolution of 1789.

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Siege of Valenciennes 3 Livres, 1793

The similarities are obvious and two characteristics stand out to the casual observer: the phrase "Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite," and kepi, or citizen's hat. Both appeared on earlier coins, medals, and jetons. Originally symbols of the revolution against Louis XVI in 1789, they were revived as symbols of sentiment against yet another French monarch, Napoleon III, in 1848.



An 1848 medal by Daniel displaying the slogan (Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite) and the symbol (kepi) of the original French Revolution.

Medals such as the one pictured above were produced by various clubs and societies. Each served to commemorate a person, event, and/or express a political viewpoint. They were generally struck in silver, pewter, and bronze by various private mints. A number of pieces were cast as well.

The primary purpose of the medals and jetons of 1848 was political. Some expressed opinions concerning a particular event on a particular day. Others expressed political opposition to the emperor. All of them served to inform the populace in a massive propaganda campaign that used numismatics as a vehicle. The medals and jetons ranged from the sophisticated to the simple. There were superb examples minted in silver and bronze with artistic scenes and allegorical vignettes.



The bronze medal on the left, by Gayrard de l'Institut, is a classic from the period. The more typical medal on the right, designed by Montagny, was produced in different metals with different reverses.

Apart from these artistic examples, there were others displaying visceral symbolism reminiscent of the passion of the revolution of 1789. This latter group is most intriguing since it demonstrates the uninhibited feelings held by the people toward their king and government.



The three examples above reflect the intense political nature of this numismatic genre.

Because of the political and economic instability of the mid-nineteenth century, the practice of counterfeiting coins became commonplace. Accepted by the public for normal use, these counterfeits set the stage for the wide circulation and ultimate acceptance of some of the 1848 pieces as legal tender! Given the political climate, the propaganda pieces were often preferred over the king's coinage.

In time, even the 1848 pieces became objects of counterfeiting. They were copied openly and secretly, often using the original dies. The issuers selectively paired different obverse and reverse dies creating a wide variety of types. However, not all of these pieces could be traced to existing dies. There were cruder populist medals produced by merchants in Paris, Lille, Lyons, and Rheims. They took different legends, designs, and themes from the original engravers and put them together in odd combinations creating vague references and strange designs.

To large degree, these imitations were created by unknown issuers. They cast primitive copies that served to mock the "slick" more professional pieces. These pieces resemble the Lyon medal (57mm, 124 g.) pictured below.



1848 cast lead medal from Lyons

On this piece, one side displays a skull and crossbones with an inscription referring to revolutionary societies (AUX SOC^s REV^s). The other side features the kepi and a dagger within a laurel(?) wreath. The inscription remains a puzzle, although there may have been a Comite Africaine which would account for the initials COM AFR.

There were many secret and not-so-secret societies that openly criticized the monarchy by issuing propaganda pieces in 1848. The government passed a law in August of that year that suppressed the production of these popular items. Their numbers declined through 1849 when another law forbade the existence of political clubs or secret societies. It was not until 3 years later that they were subject to confiscation.

The political turmoil of France is evidenced by the jetons and medals of 1848. Diverse and collectible, it is an exciting area for anyone who loves history. An indispensable resource is Saulcy's text, Souvenirs Numismatiques de la Revolution de 1848, which provides the most comprehensive single source of information on the subject.

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Lawrence Churchill
September 8, 1995

Dear Fellow Collectors and Students of Numismatics,

Pardon me for dropping my usual form this month, but I wish to highlight our programs for the coming year. Among our members/speakers are some of the truly top men in the hobby. Allow me to emphasize Larry Korchnak, well known expert on siege coins. As well as Rodger Hershey, who has won several awards both regionally and nationally. If you have ever been to an ANA convention, the names of John Burns and Wayne Homren should be known.

I will also point out that we again are having one program centered around the Carnegie Museum's collection.

For all these reasons, we hope you will consider giving us a mention sometime in the coming season.

Thank You,
Secretary, WPNS

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THE NEWSLETTER THAT 9 OUT OF 10
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NEXT MEETING: SEPT. 5
ALLEGHENY BUILDING, 7th FLOOR
GATHER AT 7, BUSINESS AT 8

PROGRAM: WILL BE VERY INTERESTING AND
PRESENTED BY ONE OF OUR BEST SPEAKERS

Because I forgot to ask our program chairman for the name of the coming attraction. If your program is in this envelope, look it up yourself. If not, you know as much as I do. The three officers are doing well; it's just this communication thing.

The last meeting had 17 members in attendance, including our late arrival. What happened to Larry Bassett, who many were led to believe would be there, Lord only knows. John's talk ended up as a general round table discussion of numismatic books and worked fairly well; thanks to Tom, Larry, and others in throwing some fast ones at Mr. Burns. And if the program alone wasn't enough to get you out on a hot, nasty night -- well, let me just say that you missed a history making event: Larry K. referred to Bill Clinton as a S.O.B. Only, he didn't spell it. That alone would have been worth the sweat factor.

One of the regulars who was not there was Rich Crosby. It is my sad duty to inform all that Rich's father passed away at the end of July. Our prayers and deepest condolences, not only to Rich, but to his entire family. Take care of yourself, my friend, and hope to see you soon.

BACK TO THE SOCIAL PAGE AGAIN: The final 83 votes settled the issue of what the dinner choices will be for the social meeting. They are:

Prime Rib \$34.00

Coq au Vin (which drives my spellcheck crazy) \$28.00

The times were set as: drinks at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow at 7:30. Those attending are asked to call Larry at 375-7987 as soon as possible. The cut off date will be here before you know it, so tarry not. The maps and all will be in the next newsletter; I think. Guess I could call Larry, but

A) everyone is out at the ANA

B) I hate telephones

C) I am still shell shocked by the food votes. A hand for this choice, two fingers for that option; Hell, made me want to raise one finger and wave it proudly. We have a wonderful Society full of the best minds in Western Pennsylvania numismatics. One little problem: we cannot vote for doo-doo. If Congress was as bad at voting as we are --- hey, wait a minute; they

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are as bad as we are. Guess that really puts the country between a rock and a hard place. Oh well, we will get you the details some way.

MAYBE EVEN MORE MEMBERS? Jerry's two friends, Howard Gross and Chik Ambrass (?), wish to attend a few meetings as guests and may apply for membership in the future. Unless they are there for the next vote, in which case they may run screaming into the night. So, try to get to know these two men in the coming months; what they collect, what they have done, how to spell their names. You know, the regular stuff.

A REGULAR MEMBER CAN WRITE, and he did. I got a postcard from Rodger at the ANA. So, take this as a friendly reminder to bring your ANA finds to the next meeting. We have to get Pittsburgh on the schedule again.

YOU MAY HEAR RUMORS of a private matter between myself and another member. It is just that: private. Did all I could to make that clear.

By a careless accident, the person has now involved my wife. I am not pretty at the best of times. Now that Mary has been hurt, if it becomes a matter of public debate, I suggest that all bystanders duck and cover.

I HAVE ANOTHER BOOK!! For any members (Rich) with a U.S. plate or belt buckle of the military (Rich) from 1795 - 1874, bring it to the next meeting and we can look it up. This is one huge work.

CALLING FOR COLEEN!! To help her, actually. She is looking for good history works on the German State of Hesse. I forgot to ask if she speaks German, so stick to English titles for now.

SOME HELPFUL HINTS IN CASE YOUR SAFE GETS CLEANED OUT: Talking with one of the folks reminded me of an old collectors' trick and led to me finding a new twist. The old trick was to mix some suitable but easily identifiable coins into your collection. Things with distinctive scratches, filled die parts, stuff like that. Get them photographed and use them to start a back trace when the stuff hits the market. The new twist is to mix some slabs into your collection. This could really be a winner for you as each coin is numbered and most draw a premium in the plastic, so they don't get busted out. As much as I hate encapsulated coins, I am now buying several Russian slabs just in case. One of the things Ted is learning is that while getting a bad guy is good, recovery would be great. Tricks like this are needed by all. One guy I talked to found a couple of his slabs in someone's possession. He not only got those coins back, but recovered some he wouldn't have been able to positively identify on the strength of the slabs. Security is no joke. Which is one of the reasons I try to avoid full names in this publication when I can and keep the address list in the safe.

AND SINCE I AM THINKING OF TED'S THEFT, LET ME RUN WITH MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT. I heard a discouraging word recently, and since I got cloudy all over the person I may share some of the thoughts with you. One of our local collectors (not a WPNS member) related that as Ted was a dealer, he was aware of the risks in his profession and helping was best left to the other dealers and is not the concern of those of us who are "collectors". Sure, we all know that every dealer is a crook who charges way too much for his coins while cheating us whenever we have to sell something; but, look at it this way: when the crooks run out of dealers, they just might come after us.

I can't believe that in the 30+ years I've been in this hobby we still haven't gotten over this love/hate relationship with dealers. Where the hell else are we going to get our coins? And which of us hasn't tried to deal a little to help finance a coin we wanted? Or a Harley?

One of the things that separates us from most clubs, and allows us to refer to ourselves as a Society, is that we have moved beyond this kind of thinking. Now we need to go the next step and show everyone what a Society can accomplish.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am tired of remembering the past in my collecting experience by who got robbed then.

Al Perrin, Orlando, that guy with MS who got held up leaving a show at Eastland. I can count my years by the crimes that happened. And I can not remember a major recovery. I have had it. This was just a "last straw" that I knew was coming sometime soon. That is one of the reasons I am not going to leave all of you alone. WE are the ones who can make recovery happen. Ted knows a lot of people; we know more by a whole herd and then some. If we, and all of our friends, keep the heat on, we can win this one. I am told we keep getting close: well, last years Steelers season ended on a close. It was called a loss. Anyone who is willing to accept a loss should find a less competitive hobby. Like, maybe, yarn collecting.

And not only is theft up, like everywhere, but so is the violence against coin dealers. Bob Rose was killed in his coin shop. It is us or them, folks. And don't fool yourselves: we are each the next target, after Ray and Ted.

AND I GOT A GOOD QUESTION FOR ALL YOU RESEARCH BUFFS OUT THERE. I got a beautiful 1846 N1 for my collection. One small problem: someone in the past started to change the CENT to - well, something else. Does anyone out there know when this practice was done or why? I cannot find that term in my dictionaries of the "vulgar tongue" before 1860 or so. Were people defacing large cents that late? I also heard the explanation once that these "cents" were used as a form of brothel token. Does anyone know who started that (probably fully fictitious) rumor? Let me know, and I will relate the info here.

Get to work, Burns. For some reason, I am counting on you to solve this one.

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AND PEOPLE THINK COIN DEALERS MAKE HUGE PROFITS, from the world of stoneware collecting we have a case of a miniature churn bought at a house sale for \$2. The buyer consigned it to an auction and got \$9,350 for it. That buyer then sold it for \$13,500 to another couple. They will probably make a profit on it when they sell. They learned what WPNS members always have known; knowledge is king.

That beats that penny found in England that Ted talks about.

WE HAVE A BIG HOLE IN OUR MINUTES BOOK. And I need your help. For every years social meeting, we have the speaker on record, but not much else. I would like to ask each of you to consider writing a short report on the social. What was good, what was bad, how the food was, stuff like that. And see if your wives/ husbands/ others would do something as well. These will be added to our permanent record and will help me with that newsletter. I would like some about two weeks after the event, but will take them any time. A special "please" to those of you who do not make many meetings.

I MAY NEED SOME HELP IN DECEMBER AS WELL since my family will need a lot of my time. If someone could help with the mail, or even the whole thing, please let me know.

I HOPE TO HAVE A REPORT ON HOW ACCURATE THE FIRMS ARE that slab Russian coins for next months letter. If anyone out there could do the same for their specialty, please do so. Does anyone grade English well, or Mexican, or 3¢ silvers? It could be interesting to see how their experts agree with ours. By meeting night, I should be up to a dozen. Does that seem like a fair sample?

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SEPT 10 YOUNGWOOD COIN SHOW at the firehall on South 2nd ST. call Tom Smith for info at 832-8054

NEXT ISSUE: What to do with all those extra tomatoes your garden is producing revealed in the pages of Brown & Dunn.

BOY! WHEN I'M RIGHT, I AM RIGHT!!! Instead of the usual cartoon, my space-filler this month is to inform you that I found out who the speaker is. Korchnak will be giving a talk on the French tokens of 18(47?). Larry is by far one of our best at educating us on different subjects, so if you have ever made a meeting, make this one. Maybe he picked the subject do to my sudden interest on things French? Or, is he just trying to show that when a collection is under siege, that even he needs a fall-back collection? Or, has that sneaky devil slipped another war past this old correspondent? Be there to get the full answer. Thanks to Wayne for letting me know.

The minutes of the August 1 meeting of WPNS as prepared by M. Homza.

The meeting was called to order by President Krivoniak at 8:15PM

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Colborn reports a balance of \$3,178.68 of which \$750 is in the life fund.

SPECIAL ORDERS: It was reported to the Society that the father of member Richard Crosby died recently and was buried on the 30th of July. The Societies condolences are extended to our good member and friend. A card from the Society will be sent and notice given in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

The food choices for the coming banquet were narrowed down to Prime Rib for \$34.00 and Coq au Vin for \$28.00.

Times were decided as follows: drinks from 6:30 to 7:30 with dinner to follow. Chairman Korchnak thanked Eileen Kaminsky for the original suggestion of the site.

A report on the recent ANA elections was given by John Burns. Two of the candidates backed by the Society won; being Stanton and Carmody.

NEW BUSINESS:

A report was given by Larry Dziubek on behalf of Rich Crosby concerning the medals being produced by the ANA for the convention this month. The set is very low mintage and already over half sold out. Members are encouraged to get a set if possible as the potential for a great price rise on the secondary market is expected.

Howard Gross and Chik Ambrass have both expressed interest in the Society, as reported by their friend Jerry Porter. Members are encouraged to get to know both men in the coming months in anticipation of their applications for membership.

The program was presented by John Burns.

The motion to adjourn was made by Larry Korchnak and seconded by Chuck Erb. It passed at 9:42 PM.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: August 4, 1995

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. M. Womysa	1.	Fake Ruble
2. Gary Amick	2.	Roman Republic
3. Chuck Erb	3.	
4. Jerry Korchual	4.	1795 Bust Half + others
5. E. Tomlinson Fort	5.	BOOKS
6. Ellen Kamersky	6.	
7. John W. Burns	7.	German Porcelain Medal Sch. 836 A
8. Carleen Chesnus	8.	
9. Ed Kivoniska	9.	GUATEMALA PROVISIONALS ROMAN COINS ANTON SCHARFF MEDALS
10. Det Colborn	10.	
11. Charles Culleton	11.	COMMON TALKERS
12. Ted Schiff	12.	Coin & Gold Tokens + US Steel
13. J. E. Porter	13.	World Crowns
14. D. Gaetano	14.	
15. Neal Connor	15.	
16. Nevin Greninger	16.	
17. Wayne Homren	17.	
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AUGUST

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

P.O. Box 23404, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-9998



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PART OF THE BENCH PRESS ?

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 1
ALLEGHENY BUILDING, 7th floor
GATHER AT 7, CRAP STARTS AT 8

PROGRAM: BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY
BY JOHN (I'VE PICKED ON HIM ENOUGH) BURNS

The last meeting of WPNS had 16 members and a new guest: Mr. Howard Gross. Pretty good with the holiday and all. But I missed Rodger. The Breakfast Club chose another fine restaurant this month. With one minor problem: it was in the Lawyers Building. Talk about your negative vibes! I had to circle the building 3 times before I could bring myself to come in. And the place was in the basement; and since stuff flows downhill--well, it could have been ugly. Despite the placement, it was really great. If you want to join all us heavy eaters, call Ted or Jim meeting day or before to find out the month's secret location. Always good, and a fun time to boot.

FUN STUFF EARLY: Our "know your members" answer last month was: Dick Gaetano. The popular choice was Ed for some reason. Dick is a wonderful person and a great collector, but I think he retired a year or two too late.

SMALL TABLES, BIG PROBLEM---I have to bring the pop this meeting, so I will be unable to tote my table. Would some kind person please bring one along this month? Burns and Homren thank you.

SOCIAL PAGE: Larry K. has already done some great work towards this year's Social Meeting. The site will be the Victoria Hall in Bloomfield. Not only are they well known for excellent food, but they provide some of the best atmosphere in the city. There are even a couple speakers on tap, thanks to the work Larry has done. The big job will be at the August meeting: making two final choices from their menu. Larry has thinned it down to the choices below. Give them some thought and come prepared to vote. All choices include: tax, tip, valet service, centerpieces, coffee, salad, starch, veggie, roll & butter, partridge, and a pear tree. They are:
Prime Rib \$33.25 Pan Fried Nut Crusted Trout \$30.75
Beef Bourguignon \$30.75 Shrimp Scampi/ Fettucine \$29.50
Coq au Vin \$27.00
and maybe Herb Baked Chicken Breasts for an unknown amount

If you plan to be at the Social on November 7th, but not at the next meeting, you can phone your vote in to Larry at 375-7987.

SPEAKING OF VOTES: For some strange reason it made me think of a David Letterman Top Ten list: Signs You're Not a Good Commander-in-Chief. Turn page over.

10 The only time you see people in uniform is when you go to McDonald's----9 Instead of "Hail to the Chief", the Marine Band plays you on with "Pop Goes the Weasel"----8 A guy steps on your toe in an elevator, and you break down and tell him our nuclear launch codes----7 Your favorite Chinese restaurant names a dish for you: Lane Duck----6 Your Secret Service code name is "Draft Dodging Hillbilly"----5 You think an M-16 is a bus route----4 Whenever there is a 21-gun salute, you dive to the ground and whimper like a terrified puppy----3 Instead of calling you Mr. President, people call you "Cap'n Bonehead"----2 You're better with Fritos than vetos----1 You take orders from your wife

Get ready for a long campaign season, Larry.

I HAVE EVEN MORE PEOPLE TO ABUSE NOW: Yep, we have two new members. Skip has already proved himself an asset to the Society in the past and Corleen is a real sharp student of our hobby. Our welcome to them and hopes to see them at meetings often. And another Ph.D.! Why am I reminded of the phrase, "Calling Doctor Howard, Doctor Fine, Doctor Howard"?

THE AUDIT WAS DONE! And the books were found to be in perfect order. Now all we need is lots more money for Harry to keep track of. This is my subtle way of reminding you to pay your dues. But since I don't want to come right out and remind you to pay your dues, I chose this roundabout way to remind you to pay your dues. So as to avoid reminding you to pay your dues. Pay your dues. Over $\frac{1}{2}$ have not.

WE GOT FAN MAIL FROM SHREVEPORT for the work we have done on behalf of Ted and the pursuit of the folks who robbed him. This wasn't the only good thing we heard in regards our Society and the things we have done since the burglary. When something like this happens, it is good to see some good come of it; so, keep the fires up. Tell or write everyone you can. Use the WPNS name. And let's nail these bastards.

BIG DOINGS AT THIS YEARS PAN SHOW: Wayne and the rest of the PAN folks are trying to do a major, local interest exhibit for this year's show. It will run from 12 to 15 cases and will include Colonial stuff, paper money, Civil War tokens, medals, encased stuff and more. Going by the outline, this is going to be one great exhibit. If you have anything you wish to be considered for inclusion, call Wayne at 361-2722. He also needs help at the PAN meeting in September to set up the exhibit and get things ready to roll. Please help if you can. For those who haven't heard, this year's show is from October 27th to the 29th. Most of PAN, locally, are WPNS members, so let's pitch in to help.

A NEWSLETTER IN OUR NEWSLETTER!!!! Larry, that fine finder of siege coins, has outdone himself in finding a copy of a siege newspaper. Despite the writing style, I deny having anything

to do with it. In spite of that, it is a really neat, and probably rare, item to see.

I love history above anything else and in dealing with Rev War stuff, I have learned to read between the lines. I think I have found evidence of some things about Major H. J. Goold-Adams. I suspect that one or all of the below can be said of the man.

A He was a member of the clergy

B He was a secret member of the Royal Navy

C He was a Democrat

To see why I am making these assumptions, carefully read your copy of the paper included with this stuff. Somewhere. I am not betting on it being where I put it as I use a printer who stinks. Reed, Smith, etc., assorted things at law.

A hint for those who aren't as good as I am can be had by calling 322-9682. But, try to find it on your own first.

War is hell; but a lot of laughs if you keep the right attitude.

NOW, BACK TO TED AND THE THEFT: There have been some good leads and, I believe, at least one arrest. But, coin one hasn't been recovered yet. That is one of the final goals.

I don't know much of what has been done. I don't need to to help. If I thought things were close, or if one person was suspect, I might not do some of the things I am doing. Then, if everything went bust, I would have spent all that time sitting on my thumbs. And a good lead I could have developed would have been lost. I know that we all want to know, but that shouldn't be our driving force at the moment.

The driving force should be getting these bastids: we can not let them win. When Ray slowed down, they won round one. They must not go up 2 - zip.

Ted contacted some of the big boys, Al got word out on one computer net, Brad on another. I have written to all the bourse chairmen and auction houses. Wayne talked it up at PAN, and I hope at the ANA also. All these things have gotten some good information. But, DO NOT rely on just this. Write to anyone you can think of. Copy the list of stuff I sent you. Stop at some antique shops and ask them to watch for the watches and rings and such. Get it in other newsletters. Call in favors with any dealers you know. And every couple months, start over again. And if you have a mailing list you can't afford postage for, give it to me. I have as many stamps as I do attitude. I am thinking of things like the Bust Half club and such.

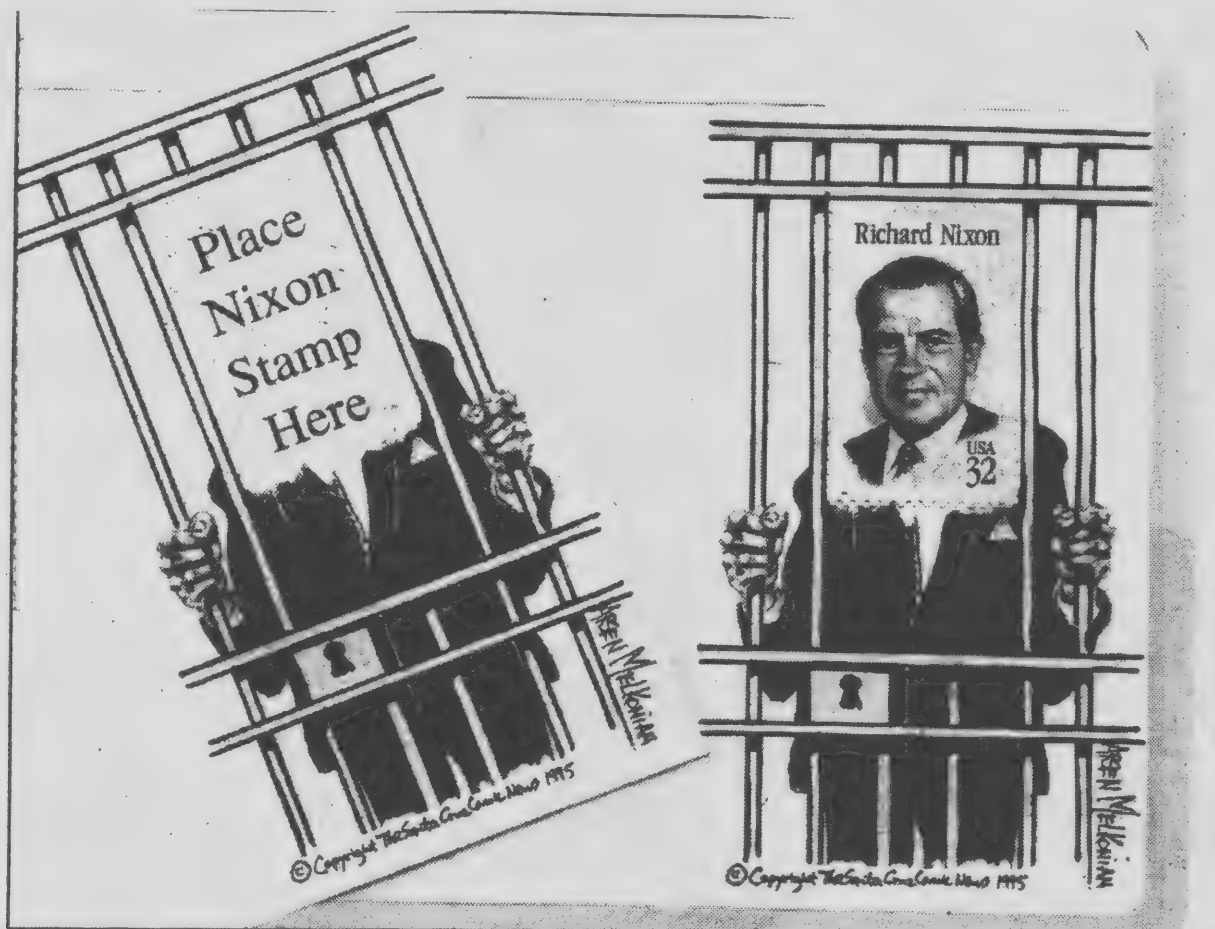
The first people on my short list are those who did the crime. The second are any WPNS members who sit on their thumbs thinking someone else will do the work. I may not get to visit the first; I can make the second regret it. If you can't find it in your heart to do the right thing, or to help Ted, do it because you don't want me as an enemy.

[illegible]

I am still hoping some of you will tell me the numbers on your West View Park medals. Please help. I am also interested in buying anything pertaining to WVP. Call me at 322-9682. I bought a pirate face this week, so I can be talked into anything. Also, I am trying to start a small collection of French coinage from 1720-1780. Thanks, signed Mike.

AUG 13 NICKEL TRADER ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW at the Castle
Shannon Firehall 8am-3pm info at 941-2338

NEXT MONTH: Crime and punishment, the Brown & Dunn version.



Nixon behind bars

Tricky Dick is a hit in Santa Cruz, Calif., where residents are snapping up commemorative Richard Nixon stamps. That's because a publisher there is producing "The Nixon Envelope." When affixed with a 32-cent Nixon stamp, it looks as if the 37th president is peering out from a jail cell.

THE MAFEKING MAIL

SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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No. 86

Tuesday, March 6th, 1900.

145th Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1900.

SPECIAL CORPS TO RELIEVE MAFEKING.

It is doubtful whether there was, six months ago, one to a thousand of the population of Greater London able to say off-hand where on the map of South Africa Mafeking is to be found; yet such is the advertising effect of our position, and its defence, that the name of this town is now upon every tongue. The gallant manner in which the Protectorate, Police, Rifles, and Townsmen (but a mere handful, all told) have fought and instilled the "fear of God" into the breasts of Cronje's women slayers, has stimulated such enthusiasm in the breasts of our kinsmen at home, that offers of large sums of money by wealthy individuals have been made to raise and equip a Special Corps for the sole purpose of relieving Mafeking. Whether the offer be accepted and acted upon, is immaterial, it shows that the value of our resistance has been recognised, that our stand has been appreciated. What it would have cost the Imperial Tax-payer had we let the Boers walk in, as all the world expected they would do, can scarcely be gauged by what it will now cost, for the extra millions of pounds, additional thousands of lives and further months, if not years, of war that would have been necessary to retrieve such a calamity are incalculable.

FOR CHARITY'S SAKE.

(The late F. W. G. Jones, who was killed outside the "Mail" office on Jan. 31st.)

In spontaneous response to the appeal in our issue of February 3rd, the following amounts have been received by Mr. Beavis and handed over to C. G. H. Bell, Esq., for the parents of the late F. W. G. Jones, of the Town Guard, and formerly in the employ of Mr. Bradley. Mr. Bell has kindly undertaken to remit the money to deceased's relatives as soon as circumstances permit.

Commercial Bar,		
per Mr. Moore	...	£4 11 0
Railway Division,		
per Sgt.-Maj. Layton		7 17 6
Early's Corner,		
per Mr. W. Birch	...	5 19 6
De Kock's Corner,		
per Mr. C. Bishop	...	7 5 0
		£25 13 0

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 5TH MARCH, 1900.

Owing to a misapprehension of their orders, the Colonial Contingent vacated their advanced post in the Brickfields this morning. The Boers discovered the fact, and creeping up by our disused trench,

occupied the loop holes from the outside so as to command the interior of the work.

Under direction of Captain Fitzclarence and Captain Williams, some detachments of "D" Squadron Protectorate Regiment, Cape Police, Bechuanaland Rifles and Colonial Contingent, re-occupied this place with a rush, Lieut. Feltham covering their occupation by throwing dynamite hand grenades into the enemy's trench.

The whole affair was carried out most coolly and creditably, and happily without casualties.

MAFEKING, 6TH MARCH, 1900.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Wednesday, the 7th March, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

By order,
E. H. CECIL, Major,
Chief Staff Officer.

A SIEGE EXHIBITION

WILL BE HELD AT THE

MASONIC HALL,

— ON —

SUNDAY, MARCH 25th 1900,

COMMITTEE:

Col. Baden-Powell; Major H. J. Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.; C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.; Capt. J. R. More; F. Whiteley, Esq. (Mayor).

MANAGING DIRECTOR: J. W. De Kock, Esq.

HON. SECRETARY: J. R. Algie, Esq.

CLASS.

1. Prize, £5, presented by Col. Baden-Powell, for the Best Model of any locally manufactured Siege Weapon or Armament, or of any Fort or Redan.

2. Prize, £5, presented by Messrs. Wirsing Bros., for the Quaintest or Most Original Curio, ornamental or useful, constructed of any shells or bullets which have been fired into the town by the enemy during the Siege.

3. Prize, £5, for the best piece of Fancy Work made during the Siege.

4. Prize, £5, for the best piece of Lace worked during the Siege.

5. Prize, £5, presented by G. Riesle, Esq., for the best collection of not less than Forty Siege Photos. All copies exhibited to belong to the Mafeking Municipality (the object being to form a nucleus for a Municipal collection). Exhibitors need not necessarily deliver competing collections until such time as they are in a position to print others. They will, however, be required to give a sufficient guarantee that copies of such photos will be handed over.

6. Prize, £5, presented by the Mafeking Mail, for the best Musical Composition, either Waltz or March. To be written for

Piano only, or for Orchestra. The successful composition to be known as the "Mafeking Siege Waltz, or March."

7. Prize, £2 2s., presented by Major H. J. Goold-Adams, for the best Essay on Siege Life. Open to girls under the age of 15.

8. Prize, £2 2s., presented by Major H. J. Goold-Adams, for the best Essay on Siege Life. Open to boys under the age of 15.

With reference to Prizes 7 and 8, all competitors must present themselves for examination at the Masonic Hall, on March 25th inst., at 9 a.m., for the purpose of writing their Essay. They will be allowed until noon to complete their work in the presence of a Commissioner, who will be in attendance and who will supply the necessary writing materials.

9. Prize, £2 2s., presented by C. W. Lucas, Esq., for the best Dressed Doll.

10. Prize, £5, presented by F. Whiteley, Esq., for the best Painting (oil or water colour), or Pen and Ink Sketch, portraying any scene, incident, or character, connected with the Siege.

11. Prize, £2 2s., presented by A. H. Friend, Esq., for the best original Poem or Song. Competing poems or songs must be recited or sung (as the case may be) by the competitors (or any person appointed by them) on the afternoon of the Exhibition.

12. Prize, £5, presented by B. B. Weil, Esq., for the best Siege Anecdote, of not more than 500 words.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. The Committee, in due course, will arrange and appoint Judges for each class.

2. All exhibits may be marked "For Sale," except Class 5.

3. All exhibits must be handed in to the Committee or their Nominees, at the Masonic Hall, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., on the morning of the Exhibition.

4. All entries free.

5. In no class will prize be given unless at least two entries are received.

NOTE.—The Committee will be glad to receive any additional prizes and any suggestions from the Garrison as to the enlargement of the Exhibition.

The Committee will gladly receive a Second Prize for Class 5.

NOTICE.

Sets of these Slips.

The destruction of a large quantity of back numbers will prevent the delivery of all except a few sets of slips. As "Oud Greitje" is back again in the old place, East, we should like to reduce risk by handing over those still intact. Any of our friends who have paid for or on account of "Slips" will greatly oblige by sending or calling for them. While those who still require certain numbers to make up their sets are requested to send a list of such numbers at once.

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Minutes of the WPNS meeting of July 5, 1995 as prepared by M. Homza.

The meeting was called to order by E. Krivoniak at 8:08 PM.

Treasurer H. Colborn reports a balance of \$3,164.55 of which \$750 is in the life fund.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as read.

Howard Gross, a new guest of Gerald Porter, was welcomed by the Society.

The audit committee composed of Burns and Kaminsky reports that the club's books are in excellent shape and that all figures match.

The vote was held on the two prospective members and both passed. The certificates were signed and, pending the payment of dues and fees, both Mr. Culleiton and Ms. Chesonis are members of the Society. The membership took a moment to re-iterate that it was helpful to have the bios printed in the newsletter.

Correspondance was reported in regards to the Society's effort on T. Shiff's behalf. There has been a lot of positive feedback on the job the Society has done.

OLD BUSINESS

L. Korchnak presented a proposal on this year's social meeting. The proposed site was the Victoria Hall in Bloomfield, due to its excellent food and wonderful atmosphere. A motion to accept the site was made by Mr Korchnak and seconded by E. Fort. The motion passed. The next step will be to settle on a menu. Choices will be printed in the next newsletter and a vote will be held in August to choose the final two choices. There are also two possible speakers. They will be finalized later.

Mr. Korchnak also reports that he could still use two speakers for the coming program year.

NEW BUSINESS:

W. Homren reports that PAN is doing an exhibit of Pittsburgh numismatics for its coming show. Members of our Society were asked to help and suggestions will be printed in the next newsletter.

Member Jerry Porter presented his program.

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Burns and seconded by J. Porter. It passed at 9:32 PM.

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Plan for "Pittsburgh's Money Exhibit"

GOAL:

Create a 12-15 case exhibit of Pittsburgh-related numismatics for the October PAN Show

PROPOSED LAYOUT:

- act 27-29*
- * (1 case) Title, background info, Colonial notes, Ft. Pitt documents (Wayne)
 - * (3-4 cases) Obsolete paper money (Wayne)
 - * (3-4 cases) National Bank Notes (Skip Culleton)
 - * (1 case) 1907 Clearing House Certificates (Wayne)
 - * (2 cases) Civil War Tokens (Larry Dziubek)
 - * (2 cases) Medals (Richard Crosby)
 - * (1 case) Elongated Cents, Encased Cents (Richard Crosby)

GUIDELINES:

- * Don't try to be comprehensive - this is just meant to be an overview for the gen'l public
- * Choose higher condition, pretty-looking pieces over rarities
- * Choose pieces which would be interesting to the general public
- * Don't jam the case wall-to-wall; leave blank space for a more pleasing effect
- * Don't bother with labels and descriptions only a numismatist would understand

GENERAL PLAN:

- help putting it together*
- * Wayne will coordinate the exhibit and write the text for all labels
 - * Exhibitors and others will contribute their handiwork
 - * The September PNS/PAN meeting will focus on the exhibit
 - "dry run" - set up the exhibit at the meeting
 - Mini-presentations about each section of the exhibit
 - critiques - how can we make it better?
 - * Issue a Press Release to local media; include illustrations
 - * Schedule a "Pittsburgh's Money" educational forum - exhibitors will give mini-talks from slides;
- Thurs Evening may need help*

CHECKLIST:

Each exhibitor:

- * Write up a list of pieces for your part of the exhibit - this will become part of the text and labels for the exhibit. Include photocopies of larger items if possible.

Wayne:

- * write Press Release
- * get media mailing list
- * write text for exhibit and labels
- * draw a layout plan

Other volunteers (?):

- * mail press release to media
- * choose a color scheme
- * get material for the backgrounds
- * cut material to fit the cases (I use felt 37" by 22 ½")
- * create an attractive title for the 1st case
- * cut the text and labels to size
- * mount the text and labels on stiff paper or cardboard
- * photograph pieces on slide film

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: June 28, 1995
Contact: Wayne K. Homren
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Pittsburgh Money Exhibit Coming

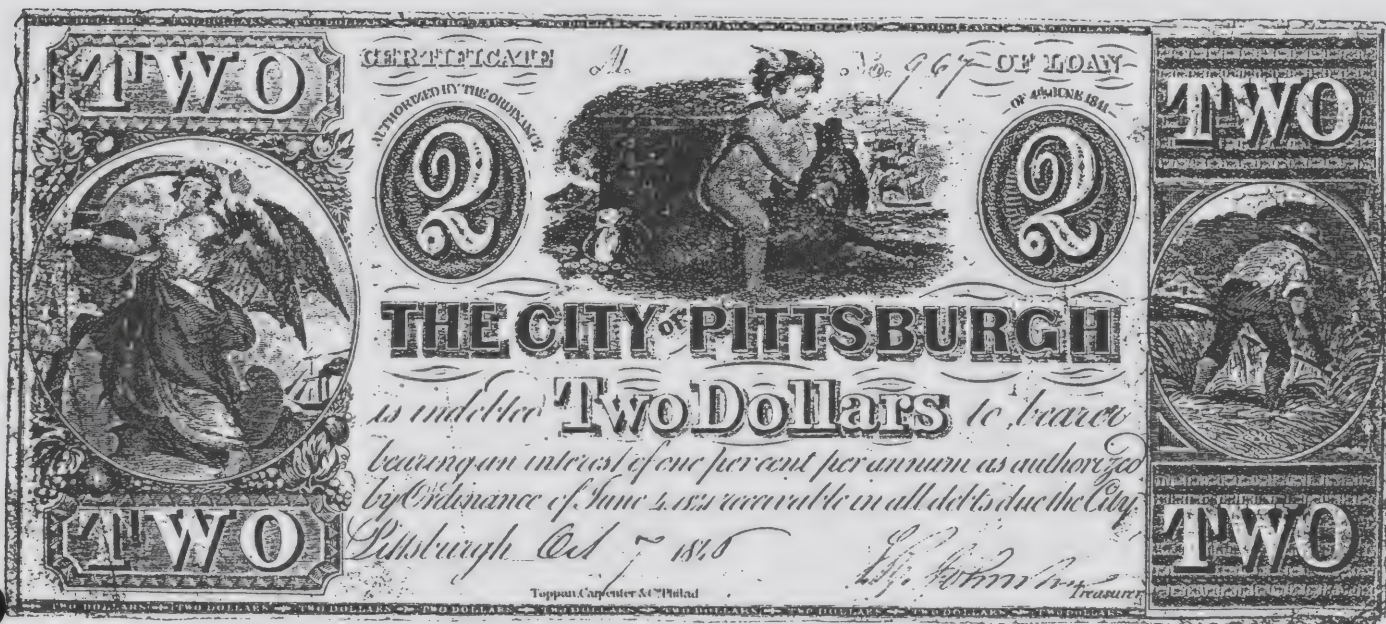
A special exhibit of "Pittsburgh's Money" will be a featured attraction at this fall's Coin Show and Convention, coming to the Pittsburgh Expo Mart in Monroeville, PA, October 27-29, 1995.



The exhibit includes actual examples of money issued and used in the Pittsburgh area from Colonial to modern times. Early pioneers at Fort Pitt kept their accounts in the British system of pounds, shillings, and pence. Later, silver coinage from Spanish and Mexican mints became popular. The early banks issued their own paper money in denominations as low as 6 ¼ cents. The City of Pittsburgh also printed its own paper money in the mid-19th century.

In addition to paper money, many tokens and medals were issued by Pittsburgh merchants and citizens. Tokens from the Civil War and later periods will be on display, along with beautiful local medals, badges, and souvenir "lucky pennies".

The exhibit is made possible by the joint efforts of several anonymous local collectors who agreed to share their rare prizes with the public.

The Coin Show is an annual event sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists, a non-profit educational organization of individuals and coin clubs from across the state. Admission is free and open to the public. Over 100 coin dealers from across the country will be on hand to buy, sell, trade, and appraise rare coins, paper money, gold, silver, and jewelry.



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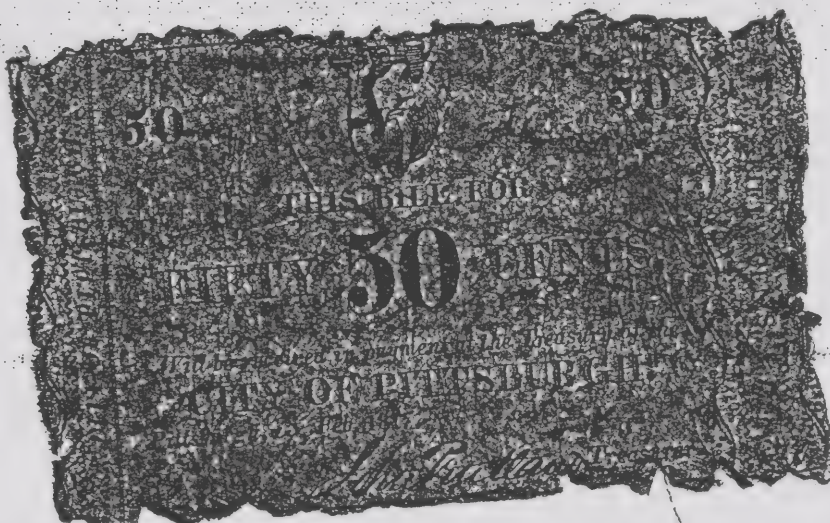
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Shreveport Coin Club

P. O. Box 492 Shreveport, Louisiana 71162

June 28, 1995

Western Pennsylvania
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Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of the partial list of
stolen coins (from Ted Schiff) + will
surely print copies for the attending
Dealers here at our Coin Show July
29-30th.

Thank you so much for thinking
of us -

Sincerely,

Joe Notini

Bourse Chairman

P.S. Since 1958, as a
Dealer, my inventory
has been stolen three (3)
times - I can surely
sympathize with anyone
who has experienced
such a thing.

JN

****ALERT****

To all collectors of coins, stamps, and jewelry...

A significant amount of items were stolen on ^{Wed 4/7}~~6/6~~/95 from a coin and stamp store at 2930 W. Liberty Ave. in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

A large reward is being offered for information, finding and prosecution of those involved ! We believe several people are involved.

If you have information please call the Dormont Police in PA at 412-561-7000 or our store number at 412-276-6782

or

E-mail : cybercoins@aol.~~net~~^{2.com} Internet address : coins@nauticom.net

We would appreciate wide distribution of these pages !!
Anyone you can think of to send it to please do !!

The specific list of coins is very distinguishable :

Files (pictures) are attached to see what our specific labeling is like on the 11/2 - 11/2 mylar ~~slip~~ holders.

Lincoln cents

1919-s	MS 65	\$ 775.00	1923-s	MS 64 PQ	\$1,495.00
1920-s	MS 64	\$ 795.00	1925-s	MS 65 RB	\$1,950.00
1921-s	MS 65 RB	\$ 1,950.00	1925-s	MS 64	\$1,195.00
1921-s	MS 64 PQ	\$ 985.00	1925-s	MS 64 Red	\$940.00

2 Cent Piece

1872	MS 63	\$ 1,195.00
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3 Cent Nickels

1872	PR 64	\$ 695.00	1885	MS 65	\$1,985.00
1873	MS 65	\$2,275.00	1885	MS 65	\$1,195.00
1877	PR 66	\$2,950.00	1886	PR 66	\$1,275.00
1878 (plnct flaw) PR		\$1,250.00	1887/6 (clshd die rev)PR 66		\$1,325.00
1879/?	MS 65	\$1,875.00	1888	PR 66	\$1,075.00
1879	PR 66	\$1,450.00			

Shield Nickels

1871	PR 65	\$1,150.00	1877	PR 65-	\$1,750.00
1872	PR 65	\$950.00	1879	MS 66 PQ	\$1,925.00
1873	PR 66	\$1,185.00	1879/8	RARE	\$1,250.00
1874	MS 66	\$1,975.00	1879	PR 66/65	\$1,250.00
1875	MS 65+	\$2,850.00	1880	PR 65 PQ	\$1,250.00
1875	MS 65	\$2,400.00	1881	PR 65	\$1,050.00
1876 reingrved date		\$750.00	1883	PR 66	\$1,495.00
			1883	Pr 65	\$895.00

SAMPLES (PHOTOS AVAILABLE)

Liberty Nickels

1883 NC PL 65	\$950.00	1887		\$850.00
1884 PR 66	\$1,495.00	1888	MS 66	\$1,250.00
1884 PR 66	\$1,750.00	1890	MS 65	\$750.00
1885 MS 65	\$1,795.00	1901	MS 66-	\$1,195.00
1885 MS65-	\$1,750.00	1903	PR 65	\$675.00
1885 MS 65-	\$1750.00	1909	PR 66	\$1,275.00
1885 PR 66-	\$1,495.00	1910	PR 65+	\$950.00
1886 MS 65-	\$1,750.00			

Buffalo Nickels

1917/17 MS 64/5	\$1,350.00	1926-D MS 64	\$725.00
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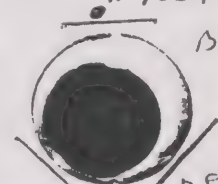
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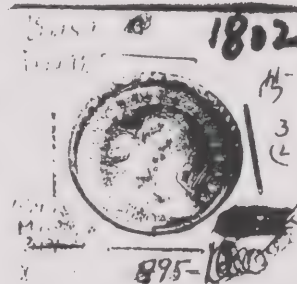
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I hereby apply for membership in the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, and agree if elected to abide by the Society's rules and by-laws.

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Age 38. I have been interested in numismatics for 12 years, and my present field of interest is Canadian coins, tokens & notes;

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April 4, 1995

Ed Krivoniak, President
W.P.N.S.

Dear Ed:

I would like to propose Dr. Corleen Chesonis for membership in our Society. I have known Corleen for many years as a member of P.A.N. She has several collecting specialties, including Canadian tokens, National Bank Notes, and animals on coins. She has given presentations on several subjects, and would make a fine addition to our Society.

Sincerely,

Wayne K. Homren

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April 4, 1995

Ed Krivanak, President
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Dear Ed:

I would like to propose Charles "Skip" Cullen for membership in our Society. I have known Skip for many years as a member of P.A.N. He is a collector and researcher of National Bank Notes of Allegheny County; as well as several other interesting worldwide numismatic specialties. He would make a fine addition to our Society.

Sincerely,

Wayne K. Homer

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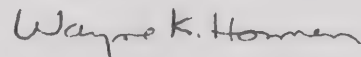
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Gentlemen:

I would like to recommend Michael Homza to the Membership Committee. I know him only through his recent visits to our meetings, but I feel he is qualified for consideration as a future member of WPNS. Like many WPNS members, Michael is a specialist. His main interest is the minor coinage of Czarist Russia, including wire money. He has built an extensive library of books on the history of that era, and is very well versed in the subject. He is also a member of the Russian Numismatic Society.

Michael has been a coin collector from an early age, and is known to many of our members through his memberships in other local clubs. In addition to his specialty in Russian coinage, he collects U.S. type coins and early U.S. coppers by date and variety. He has been a regular and enthusiastic visitor to our meetings, and is very interested in becoming a member. Please give his application due consideration.

Sincerely,



Wayne K. Homren

103 North Brodhead Road
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April 2, 1991


Membership Committee
WPNS

Dear Committee members:

I would like to recommend Mr. Ray Gaydash for membership in the WPNS. I have known Ray for a short time but he has shown himself to be true numismatist. His specialties in collecting are Austrian coinage of Leopold the Hogmouth, ancient coins, and coins of Israel. Not only is he interested in the coin or medal, he pursues information with the same passion. He has developed an extensive library and has spoken on a number of topics at local coin clubs. He has attended a few meetings and has expressed a strong desire to join our fellowship and share knowledge.

Ray would be a valued member of our organization.

Sincerely,


Larry Korchnak

P.S. He made me say all these nice things!

175 Crescent Hills Road
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15235
4 February 1992

MEMORANDUM To: Membership Committee Chairman,
Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

It is my pleasure to nominate JAMES GRONINGER, Esa. for membership in W.P.N.S.

Jim's profession is that of an attorney, but he has indulged in coin collecting for a period that exceeds forty (40) years. His interests include U. S. Coins, Foreign Coins, and also Tokens and Medals. He also enjoys the history of numismatics and the attribution of material.

Jim would be a definite asset to W.P.N.S. and I hereby recommend him without reservation.

Respectfully submitted:

RODGER E. HERSHEY,
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ANCIENT WAR ELEPHANTS

An attempt to show when and how the elephant had been used in warfare
in ancient times



XII: Silver phalera, showing an Indian elephant; its saddle-cloth is embroidered with a dragon. Now in the Hermitage, Leningrad.

Paper given to the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Gerald S. Porter,

June 5, 1995

ANCIENT WAR ELEPHANTS

In doing this paper I have relied almost entirely on the reference, *The Elephant in the Greek and Roman World*, H.H. Scullard, 1974, Cornell University Press, Ithaca, NY, borrowed from Tom Fort. It is a much detailed and scholarly account of the many battles where the use of the elephant was a factor.

In this short time I can only present an overview, skimming the highlights, in order to depict the coinage struck to commemorate these battles.

NATURAL HISTORY

First a little natural history to enable us to get some idea of size of the animal according to geographic setting.

Fossil bones have been found in Egypt of the earliest member of the order Proboscidea, named Moeritherium, after Lake Moeris, 60 miles south of Cairo, where it was found. (1) It was a small creature, some two feet high, looking more like a hippopotamus. It apparently lived during the Eocene epoch of the Cenozoic era some 70 million years ago. It was the earliest of three sub-orders called Proboscidea representing only a single genus.

It is the third sub-order which concerns us, Elephantidea, with three large families and a large number of genera. It includes the family Mastodontidea with the mastodon that lived in North America until 8000 years ago and the mammoth which appeared at the end of the Pliocene period and was hunted by stone age man. It also includes the family Elephantidae with the only surviving members. (2)

These surviving members include the Indian elephant indigenous to Asia and the African elephant with two distinct sizes; the larger BUSH elephant of Central and Southern Africa, not yet discovered by the Ancients, and the smaller FOREST elephant of North Africa and the Near East. These smaller elephants were evidently the ones used in the west and the reason that the early writers said that the Indian elephants were larger.

It is not possible to determine when the elephant was first used in warfare however it appears that the Indian elephant was tamed and domesticated during the Indus civilization, 2500-1700BC. (3)

GREECE

The earliest written account of the elephant in battle is by the Greek Ctesias from Cnidus (Iran). He was at the battle of Cunaxa in 401BC where the rebellion of the younger Cyrus was crushed. He refers to them as "demolishers of walls". (4) This remark is amplified by Aelian "who says when the Indian king goes to war he is preceded by 100,000 elephants and followed by 3,000 of the largest and strongest who have been trained to overthrow the enemies walls by attacking them when the king orders; and they overturn them by the weights of their chests". (5)

Ctesias supplies two accounts of the elephant in battle. Amorauius, king of the Derbikes, (Scythian, east of the Caspian) placed elephants in ambush and routed Cyrus' cavalry.

Less creditable, concerns the war of the semi-mythical Semiramis, queen of Assyria against India. Strabrobates, the Indian king had lots of elephants and Semiramis had none. She decided to make dummy elephants to scare off the Indians because of their belief that no elephants existed outside India. These dummies were made of ox-hide stuffed with straw and were moved by a camel and driver inside. The Indian king won the battle after some confusion with his horses due to the un-elephantine smell of the dummies. His elephants smashed through her ranks tossing the dummies in the air with their trunks. Whether this account is factual or not, it demonstrates the value of the elephant in warfare.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT

In 331BC, Alexander overran Asia Minor, Palestine and Egypt and swept the Persian monarch Darius back beyond Mesopotamia. During the final battle leading to the collapse of the Persian empire, at the head of Darius' line were "15 elephants and a body of scythed chariots". (8) The elephants took no part in the battle but were viewed as having potential importance and might have prevented Alexander's charge as "untrained horses will not face them. (8) These were the first elephants Alexander had seen in battle and he captured them as well as others in subsequent battles to bring his total to 126.

Later Alexander was ready for a final test of strength against Porus who ruled the land between the Hydaspes river and the Ascines in the Punjab. Porus was reported to have 50,000 infantry, 3-4,000 cavalry, 300 war chariots and 200 elephants. (9) Alexander was not ready to use his captured elephants in this battle due to lack of training. Porus, however, used them to provide a formidable defense and if it had not been for an outflanking maneuver by Alexander, Porus might have won the day. "Alexander's men were ordered to encircle the beasts; volleys of spears and javelins were landed against them; archers were to aim at the riders....others were to dash in and out slashing their trunks with scimitars or hacking at their feet with axes....the elephants wrought terrible havoc, crushing some men under foot, piercing others with their tusks and seizing some with their trunks and dashing them to the ground..."(10) Alexander won the battle and captured the remaining elephants, about 80 in number.

Porus' defeat is depicted on the following Greek coin depicting Alexander on Bucephalus chasing Porus and his mahout riding bareback on an elephant.



BACTRIA-Decadrachm, BMC 28.191,61

For several reasons, this was the last great battle of Alexander's advance into India. Troop morale and the rumors that to the east lay a great river and a tribe with vast military resources which included 4000 elephants. (11) Alexander's men mutinied and he capitulated. They would turn south to the Indian ocean and homeward.

PERDICCAS AND PTOLEMY

After the death of Alexander, 323BC, the elephant continued to play a big part in the many battles engaged in by his successors.

Perdiccas was second in command to Alexander and gained the chief authority. He engaged Ptolemy in his satrapy in Egypt, first by launching an unsuccessful assault, (siege), led by elephants, which failed, and then in his efforts to cross the Nile which was deep with strong current he placed his elephants upstream "to break the force of the water" (12) with disastrous result. Many of the elephants drowned and some of the wading troops were devoured by crocodiles. He lost the loyalty of his commanders and was stabbed to death in his tent.

Ptolemy was offered Perdiccas' place as chief but he "decided to stay supreme in Egypt where he was unchallenged" (13) There is no record of his having used the elephant in battle but he may have used them for ceremonial purposes.

He issued silver coins honoring Alexander wearing an elephant-skin headdress and also gold staters depicting Alexander driving a biga and quadriga of elephants.



PTOLEMY I, SOTER,

BMC 6.1,1

BMC 6.11,93

PYRRHUS

King of Epirus in NW Greece, seeking to win the throne of Macedon was a great general, admired by Hannibal who won many victories but not any wars; thus the term Pyrric victory. " He fought against Demetrius and gained half of Macedon, only to lose it shortly to Lysimachus".

(14) He fought in Tarentum, 280BC, at the request of the Greeks there who asked for help against Rome.

The Tarentines honored him with a series of coins marked with a symbol of Pyrrhus, a small Indian elephant placed beneath their own dolphin rider



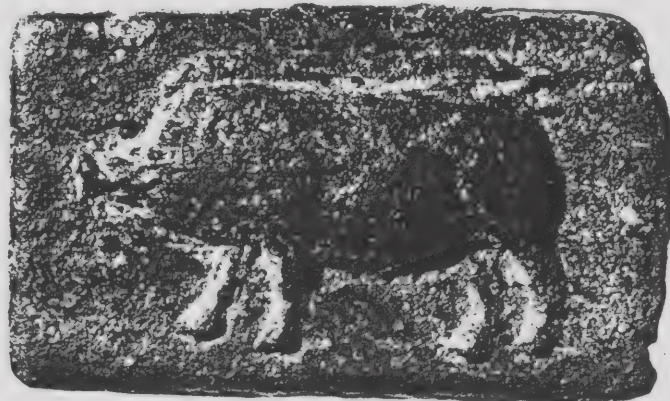
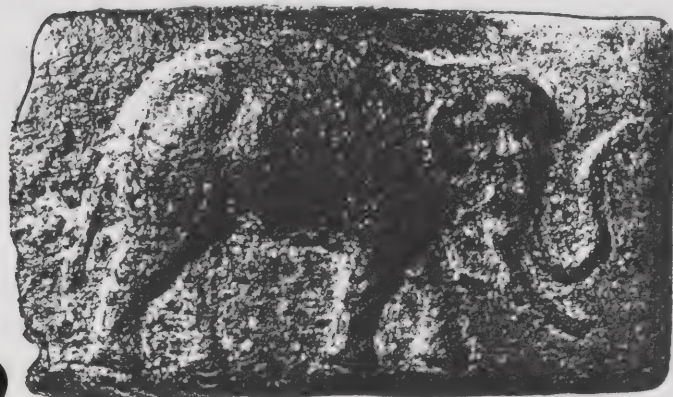
CALABRIA, TARENTUM, Didrachm, BMC 1.174,5

At the battle of Heraclea and Pandosia in Southern Italy Pyrrhus used his elephants against the Romans under Laevinus, whose horses, untrained for such fighting ran away with their riders. (15)

In this battle it is thought that the elephants had towers on their backs with soldiers in them.

Pyrrhus lost the battle of Beneventum, then called Malventum, 275BC, and some of his elephants to Manius Curius. There Curius drove the elephants back on their own lines causing confusion. (16) This ended Pyrrhus' excursions into Italy.

There is a story that pigs were used against Pyrrhus' elephants. It goes that the elephant cannot stand the squeal of a pig; thus the Romans greased pigs and set them afire in order to make them squeal and so rout the elephants. Whether this is true or not, there is an AES Signatum of cast bronze depicting the elephant on one side and a sow on the other.



ANONYMOUS, AES Signatum, C-9/1, (275-242BC)

SELEUCIDS

Seleucus I was another of Alexanders' generals who gained rule over the eastern part of the kingdom. He and his descendants had coins struck for almost 200 years depicting the elephant.

It would require too much space to recount all the battles fought by them using the elephant.

From Antiochus I's battles against the Gallic tribes from the north;

his encounters with Ptolemy in Southern Syria;

the battles between Seleucus II and Ptolemy III, 245-241BC;

Antiochus III, the Great, versus Ptolemy IV, 219BC at Raphia where the Indian elephants fought directly against the smaller African (Forest) elephants.

"With their trunks firmly interlocked and entangled they push against each other with all their might, each trying to force the other to the ground, until the one who proves stronger pushes aside the others trunk and then, when he has once made his turn, he gores him with his tusks....." (17)



SELEUCUS I, Tetradrachm, H-633



ANTIOCHUS I, Tetradrachm, H-1280

CARTHAGE

Italy was now united under Rome and became a rival to Carthage who controlled North Africa, Spain, Corsica, Sardinia and part of Sicily.

The first attested use of the elephant in war by the Carthaginians was in 262BC, 1st Punic War, where they faced a Roman siege at Agrigentum in Sicily. There the Romans defeated the forces sent from Carthage to relieve the siege, along with their elephants who had been transported by vessel across the Mediterranean. (18)

The Carthaginians next fought the Romans in North Africa, 256BC expelling them with the help of a force of 100 elephants. (19)

Subsequently they sent Hasdrubal back to Sicily with a force of 140 elephants where in 250BC he marched against Lucius Caecilius Metellus at Panormus, (Palermo), held by the Romans. Metellus enticed Hasdrubal to attack at a trench he had built along the line where they were met by a shower of missiles from and around the trench. This caused the elephants to turn on their own lines in disorder turning the tide of the battle in favor of the Romans. (20)

Several coins were made at later times to commemorate this victory.



Denarius, C-269/1,

C-374/1,

C-459/1

HANNIBAL

Following the Mercenaries War in Africa between Carthage and the Carthaginian mercenaries won by Hamilcar Barca, with the help of the elephant, the Romans seized Sardinia. Having lost it and also Sicily the Carthaginians decided to concentrate on Spain.

In 237BC Hamilcar Barca came to Spain with his son Hannibal and a force of 100 elephants. (21) In a battle against the Orissi in Spain, Hamilcar was drowned and succeeded by his son-in-law, Hasdrubal who had arrived with a force of 100 more elephants, too late to help Hamilcar.

Hasdrubal was assassinated by a Celt in 221BC and was succeeded by Hannibal, now 25 years old.

Hannibal fought several battles against the tribes of Spain including the taking of the city of Saguntum by siege in 219BC, thus provoking the 2nd Punic War. (22)

He then began to prepare his army for the long march on Rome via the Alps. It is recorded that he took just 37 elephants with him in crossing the Alps and they all arrived safely in Italy.

From his base at New Carthage, (Cartagena) and later at Gades, (Cadiz) a series of fine silver coins were made depicting the elephant.



CARTHAGE, Double-Shekel, Sear 6564. 1 1/2 Shekel, Sear 6565

In Italy, Hannibal won the first battle against P. Scipio at Trebia, but lost all his elephants but one. He added victories at Trasimene and Cannae without the use of the elephant.

More battles were fought there over several years using elephants received along with reinforcements.

Hannibal continued to lose ground until finally the Romans invaded North Africa, advancing on Carthage, successfully drawing him out of Italy.

A great battle was fought on the field of Zama in North Africa between Hannibal and Scipio in which the Carthagenians were defeated and forced to make peace with terms making them surrender all their elephants and not to train any in the future. (23)

ROME

At first Rome made no attempt to incorporate the elephant in warfare, however, at the end of the Hannibalic War, they had many captured ones, and allies such as Masinissa in Numidia who could supply more.

In the east they used them against Philip of Macedon in 199BC and later against Antiochus III at Thermopylae in Greece and Magnesia in Asia (24) and then against Perseus in 171BC on the plains of Thessaly. (25) Both sides used the elephant in these battles, all won by the Romans.

In the West the elephant was used against the Celtiberians at Numantia in Spain without success and later, 134BC, at the same place with better results. They were also used in Gaul, 121BC, with the help of Jugurtha enabling the Romans to conquer all of southern Gaul. (26)

There is some written evidence that Julius Caesar (27) had one large armored elephant which he rode during his invasion of Britain in 54BC. A more realistic dating for the Caesar denarius would be 46BC after Caesar's victory at Thapsus in Africa where he defeated the elephants of Juba. A third rationale is that Caesar in Moorish means elephant.



JULIUS CAESAR, Denarius, C-443/1

There are several later accounts of elephants used against the Romans in the east and also many other examples that have not been included here. This should be sufficient for the purpose of the talk and I thank everyone for their patience.

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PROGRAM: ANCIENT WAR ELEPHANTS
BY JERRY PORTER (WHO ELSE?)

The last meeting of WPNS had 16 members and two guests. Damn near a new record for a business meeting. For all the stuff we saved up all year, the votes and stuff still went quick enough to have an impromptu program from Ted Shiff on his trip to Russia. Well, really Komi. Being near Siberia, now he knows why I want to send all our lawyers there. And while we often get together before meetings, we have never discussed what to do after meetings. I can now recommend the emergency room of Divine Providence. The decor isn't much, but the service is great. Nothing serious, just right now when I put my foot in my mouth, I taste splint.

ELECTIONS	As we all thought, the recommended slate won, I.E.
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CURATOR	WAYNE HOMREN

The slate passed with one opposed. Thank God there is at least one sensible person in our midst.

I got stuff for here from Wayne, Larry, and Tom. And Chuck is getting me some stuff. And we have real news this month. So, make a pot of coffee and get ready for a real ribbon-eater.

MAYBE A NEW MEMBER? We will be voting on two new members at this coming meeting. They are Charles "Skip" Culleiton and D. Corleen Chesonis. I asked both to introduce themselves in these pages. Being a born sexist, I chose to do ladies first; it fit better. To introduce herself, I now turn things over to Corleen Chesonis:

I am a chemical engineer working for Alcoa at their research laboratory outside New Kensington. I started there 15 years ago after getting my M.S. from Carnegie-Mellon and then finally got my Ph.D. from Pitt a few years ago after too many years of night school. I started collecting coins somewhat seriously when I started at Alcoa and found myself assigned to an office next door to Skip Culleiton. Although I had pleasant memories of going to Indiana (PA) coin shows with my dad and rooting through dealers' junk boxes when I was young, I had no idea what kinds of things were available to collect until Skip showed me his British and Papal coin collections. The idea of collecting type coins rather than filling holes in books by

date and mint mark got me interested again. Since I had kept the Canadian and foreign coins that I found in circulation or bought at those shows, I started out with the goal of completing a Canadian type set. That led to collecting Canadian tokens and Canadian paper money and then I was hooked!

My interests keep evolving - I collect wildlife and Olympic coins, but have gotten frustrated with the overabundance of special issues in those areas. Now I limit those collections to things I really like for some particular reason. I enjoyed putting together a talk on endangered species that's based on my coin collection - presenting it at a garden club meeting was an interesting experience. I collect all sorts of things including obsolete and National currency from the Jefferson/Clearfield County area of Pennsylvania where I grew up. Lately my collecting has focused mostly on coins from Hesse-Cassel, the German state that my ancestors came from, and on coins from pre-Norman Britain. The last category is a long time interest that I have finally gotten comfortable enough with to start doing some buying.

Thanks Corleen. The one from Skip Culleton follows Tom Fort's article on "Son of Braveheart". Because it fit there when I did the cut and paste, as I said before.

AND NOW FOR OUR FIRST SUBMISSION! From member Larry Dziubek we have our first little gem. It is the word "witzelsucht" which is a mental condition characteristic of frontal lobe lesions and marked by the making of poor jokes and puns and the telling of pointless stories, at which the patient himself is intensely amused. Now, come on Larry; it's not nice of you to pick on Nevin when he isn't around to defend himself. Next thing you know, you'll be making fun of Eileen's feet and the way Fort parts his name if they start missing meetings. Since most of my masters in psych is done, leave the clinical stuff to the experts. Or Bob Barker. I get the two confused.

IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD ISN'T IN THIS ENVELOPE, THAT MEANS YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES YET. Some people last year waited until this March to pay. A couple never paid. As cheap as our dues are, please try to be prompt.

SINCE PEOPLE FORGET, please remember to bring some card tables to the meetings if you can. Otherwise we may have to start stacking our exhibits on our heads.

SPEAKING OF MEMORIES, JOHN AND EILEEN, remember to come early to the next meeting to audit Harry's books. Harry's accounting we trust; our ability to walk and chew gum at the same time is what's in question. A case in point is all we forgot to do last year. Like all of the things we were to do last year.

PROGRAMS: Chairman Larry Korchnak would like to encourage all to try a program for the next year. If you have been absent

for a while, it would be a nice way to get to know all of us new guys. And a great chance for all of us to learn a thing or two. The same ones have been at the meetings together so long that we can give each other's programs for each other. Don't laugh; Burns gave McBride's talk and no-one noticed. One of those two should be really insulted. Call the doctor, and pick a month. His number is 375-7987.

AND GETTING BACK TO THE BAD MEMORIES, I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING. Since I have been using the same piece of letterhead all year, let me ask all to please clean out their files of any WPNS stuff you may still have laying around. Crosby has some stuff, maybe you do too. Please look, so we do not waste funds on things we own. Out there, somewhere.

AND SINCE WE WERE ALMOST OUT OF MEMBERSHIP CARDS: One of our members was nice enough to purchase a supply which will hold us 5 years or so. And prefers us to leave his/her/its name out of it. Our thanks to him/her/it.

AND WHILE I AM ON THE SUBJECT: Let me make a suggestion. We all benefit from our association in this Society. We all help each other and learn things we wouldn't otherwise know. So, if a time comes when the Society has done a good turn for you, let me suggest some gifts to the Society. Maybe if we can keep the treasury healthy, we can do some projects (like the Journal) that may lose a little money, but do the Society a LOT of good. If it's me getting information for Jerry, Wayne getting books for me, or Porter helping everyone, this Christmas or in between, keep WPNS in mind. We have no shows. No auctions. No raffles. We never will; over our dead bodies. If this is worth more to you than 5 bucks, keep that fact in mind.

Since I can't put this off any longer, it is time to talk about all the events surrounding Ted and the burglary of his shop. Word was passed on to all as quickly as possible and all of us can be proud of the work we have done on behalf of our member and friend. He lost a lot of stock. But, he found a lot of good friends he may have never thought of before. Al Stricker, who got word out electronically and contacted all his friends; Eileen for pulling in her contacts; Ed for the same and more. And it wasn't just the dealers: Wayne and the rest of our people in PAN got word out at Lancaster, Ray Rennick had some good information, Pat went to Cleveland to keep word filtering out. This has been WPNS at its best.

And all the others as well. Two Dormont policemen who gave up their days off to follow all the trails. The antique people, like Hodges and Algeo, who did so much. The shooters and stamp collectors. The Russian Numismatic Society. Various police in other districts and collectors all over the country. Hiram, and so many others we may never meet.

We have pulled together in a way we never have before. Unfortunately, the thieves are still at large. There may be

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SON OF BRAVEHEART
or everything you didn't want to know about mediæval Scottish
coinage and were afraid to ask

E. Tomlinson Fort

With the release of the new Mel Gibson film "Braveheart" I have been asked by a number of friends, and a few former students, about the historical accuracy of the film (virtually none) and, since I at least claim to know something about mediæval numismatics, what I know about the Scottish coinage produced before 1500. Unfortunately, unlike their neighbours to the south the Scots have not attracted as much interest from either historians or numismatists as they deserve. On the other hand, this means that one does not have to spend a large amount of time reading numerous volumes covering the minor details. In this note I shall essentially list and briefly discuss the works that one can consult to get some idea of both the history of mediæval Scotland and the coinage produced there.

Regarding Scottish history, the best survey is the first two volumes of the Edinburgh History of Scotland: A.A.M. Duncan, *Scotland. The Making of the Kingdom* (1975), which covers the period up to 1286, and R. Nicholson, *Scotland. The Later Middle Ages* (1974), which deals with the period up to the succession of James V in 1513. Both works are marvelous, though Duncan's does drag a bit in the middle when he talks about royal administration and he is a little weak on the early period. Regarding the period before the eleventh century two more up to date works are A.P. Smyth's *Warlords and Holy Men* (1984) and B. Crawford's *Scandinavian Scotland* (1989).

A few mediæval Scottish figures have attracted modern biographers. The most notable of these is of course King Robert the Bruce (1306-1329). G. Barrow's *Robert Bruce and the Community of the Realm of Scotland* (3rd ed. 1988) is outstanding in both the quality of its writing and the amount of research undertaken by its author. However, the work is marred by a number of important flaws: most notably the fact that Barrow has made the classic biographer's mistake of falling in love with his subject and is thus too willing to down play the Bruce's flaws. He also virtually ignores King Robert's attempt to set up his brother as king of Ireland, and more importantly seems to loose interest in the Bruce's reign after the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. Norman MacDougall has published two first rate biographies: *James III a Political Study* (1982) and *James IV* (1989) which together cover the reigns 1460-1488 and 1488-1513. Likewise, Bishop Kennedy of St. Andrews (d.1465) is the subject of *The Life and Times of James Kennedy Bishop of St. Andrews* (1950). All of

the aforementioned works contain excellent bibliographies that will give anyone interested in further material a great deal to read.

Among the nations of western Europe the Scots were the last to produce their own coinage. The reason for this delay is little understood or investigated, though I personally feel that they probably preferred to spend their time inventing fine whiskey or practicing with claymores. Nevertheless, with regards to the Scottish coinage, the only modern survey is that of Lord Stewartby (then merely I.H. Stewart), *The Scottish Coinage* (2nd ed. 1967). This classic work is the first monograph by one of Britain's great numismatists, but what is really frightening to us commoners is that the first edition was published while its author was still in high school. Somewhat more recently, a fine collection of essays dealing with a number of aspects of the mediæval Scottish coinage: D.M. Metcalf (ed.), *Coinage in Medieval Scotland (1100-1600)*, *British Archaeological Reports*, vol.45 (1977) has been published. Likewise, more articles can be found in back issues of the *British Numismatic Journal* and the *Numismatic Chronicle*. A few years ago, V.J. Smart published a study, *The Coins of St. Andrews* (1991) which is a nice little pamphlet on one of Scotland's smallest mints. J.D.A. Thompson's *Inventory of British Coin Hoards A.D.600-1500* (1956) lists all of the then known Scottish hoards, but in view of the many errors I have found in his listings of the Anglo-Saxon hoards I recommend that anyone using this work should check his references.

The one unfortunate fact about Scottish numismatics is that few collections have been published. The largest in the world of is that in the British Museum, which is located in London, England. One must wonder whether this is a legacy of the work of English kings such as Henry II, Edward I and Edward III? Yet regardless of how the collection came to be formed, no catalogue of the pieces in the BM has ever been printed nor has any intrepid scholar even begun one. The collection of the National Museum of Antiquities in Edinburgh was published by A.B. Richardson, *Catalogue of the Scottish Coins in the National Museum* (1901), but the number of coins has grown since then and, as was the practice at the time, not all of the coins were illustrated. Two fine public collections have been combined in a wonderful work: J.D. Bateson and N.J. Mayhew, *Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles*, vol.35: *Scottish Coins in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford and the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow* (1987).

A few private sale catalogues are also worth noting. The best of these are those of R.C. Lockett, an Englishman, (*Glendining's* 18-19 June 1957 and 26 October 1960) which comprise the largest collection of Scottish coins ever sold. Almost as good, is that of the Scottish numismatist J.K.R. Murray (*Spink Coin Auctions* no.57: 29 April 1987). The Dundee collection of Scottish coins which was sold by Bowers and Ruddy Galleries

(19 February 1976) is usually the sale known best to most Americans, but the catalogue has photos which are only mediocre at best and there are not nearly as many mediæval pieces as Lockett's (from whose sale much of this collection came).

I hope that my readers have not found this note too boring and that it might even lead a few of you to look into both the history of Scotland and its coinage. By the way, while "Braveheart," like Errol Flynn's "Robin Hood," is not a historical film it is still a lot of fun and I do heartily recommend it.

The following is by Skip — to introduce himself

My most memorable experience as a coin collector was the day that I converted from being a pocket change collector to being a numismatist. My interest in coins began when I was about 12 years old. I had a paper route and started to save the disappearing Indians, Barber's and foreign coins that I occasionally received from my customers. Any coin minted after 1915 was of little interest, as there were still too many of the later dates available. My enthusiasm depended almost entirely on what I could find in circulation. I never attended coin shows and hardly ever purchased coins from a dealer. A few years later, after I started to work at Alcoa, a co-worker suggested we attend a meeting of the local coin club - the Allegheny Kiski Valley Numismatic Society. We both applied that night for membership and I became member #211. Several months later, a former club member, Ray Byrne, attended the AKVNS anniversary meeting. Ray provided the program, a recollection of some of his numismatic experiences. Ray also mentioned that he had six copies of a new book "Guidebook of British Commonwealth Coins" by J. Remick, for which he contributed several articles. Ray promised that he would autograph and sell the books to club members at dealer's cost. Having very little reference material on foreign coins, I decided to purchase one of the copies. That evening, as I scanned through the book, I was amazed to learn that British coins, minted in the 1600 and 1700's, could still be purchased for less than \$10. I immediately decided to put together a British type set consisting of one shilling from each King or Queen. Within a few months, I had collected all of the recent coins and had to purchase a copy of Seaby's "Std Catalog of British Coins". I then decided to extend my collection back to Henry VII, the first British monarch to have a life-like portrait on his coins. Several months later, I again changed my mind and decided to collect back to William I, switching to silver pennies for the earlier monarchs, as shillings were not minted. By this time, I realized what it meant to be a numismatist. I was sending for price lists and purchasing coins from dealers in Great Britain, Canada, and the United States. I was reading biographies of the different monarchs, plus any article that I could find on British coins. When I joined PAN in 1984, I needed only one coin, an extremely rare Edward V, to complete my type set. Ray Rennick then persuaded me to exhibit my collection at the next PAN show. It was obvious from my low scores and the judges remarks that I knew nothing about displaying. The next time that I displayed my British coins was at the 1989 ANA convention in Pittsburgh. I was surprised and extremely delighted, thanks to the PAN judges, to take first place in the "General and Specialized" category. Thanks to Ray Byrne, I'm now a much happier and more knowledgeable collector.

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some good leads, but we must keep the heat on. We were a little slow to react when Ray was robbed and we didn't follow up as well as we should have. We screwed up a little and we lost a good friend and collector to a common criminal. We must not lose another. And as I have said before, which of us could be next if we do not get this scum now? I ask all of you, please, do all that you can. After that, do a little more. Call in some favors. Whatever it takes. Thanks.

A LITTLE MORE ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: The state that began its life as Kanawha is West Virginia. That name was proposed and moved through the legislature. After the first of several "final" votes, it dawned on the folks involved that it would really tick off the South if they kept the name of the state that had come to symbolize the Confederates. Hence, the adding of West. Now, that's what I like. People being just what they are; rotten. It was a bit of a trick question; our members wear shoes and have family trees that branch, so it is no surprise that that bit of trivia escaped everyone. Except me. Hmmmmmm.

KNOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP I've missed doing one of these. This person has a hidden interest that even I found a surprise. He is the self-admitted biggest follower of the MTV cartoon, "Beavis and Butt-head", in the Tri-state region. He has not only seen every episode, he has memorized entire sections of dialogue. Why? God alone knows. And he is:
Jerry Veeck Dick Gaetano or Ed Krivoniak

REMEMBER, THE NEXT MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY, THE 5th. Our president, Ed "Sophie" K., solved the date conflict to the best compromise he could. And did it in a fine "Pittsburgh" way. Hope to see you all there.

DEAR MR. MOONEY I am not - I REPEAT NOT - an attorney. I wouldn't even play one on television. I may not be average, but even I have limits to the depths I will pursue. Remember, Glenn, of all the people in WPNS, I own my own cannon. I am not afraid to use it.

COMING SHOWS

none this month

Finding your way to San Jose using only your copy of Brown & Dunn.

On the rear of this page is a list of all the numismatic related trading cards recognized by the tobacco card collectors. There is a shop in England that carries most of them. It is: Murray Cards - 51 Watford Way - Hendon Central - London NW4 3JH

Compiled for WPNS from Murray's "Guide to Cigarette & other Trade Cards" by member M. Homza

BRITISH TOBACCO

Amalgamated Tobacco Corp.

British coins and costumes 1958 25 cards \$10 a set

Coins of the world 1961 25 cards \$4 a set

Stephen Mitchell Tobacco

Money 1913 25 cards \$7.50 a card \$189 a set

Rothman's Ltd.

Rare & historic banknotes 1970 5 cards \$3 a card \$15 a set

WD & HO Wills Ltd.

Time and money in different countries 1908 50 cards
\$2 a card \$100 a set

NON BRITISH TOBACCO COMPANIES

W. Duke & sons U.S.

Coins of all nations 1889 50 cards \$20 a card \$1,000 a set

Wm. S. Kimball and Co. U.S.

Ancient coins 1888 72 cards \$42 a card has 2 varieties

NON TOBACCO CARD SERIES

A & B C Gum

Civil War banknotes 1965 15 cards \$5 a card \$66 a set

Amaran Tea

Coins of the world 1964 25 cards \$6 a set

Cede Ltd.

Coins of the world 1956 25 cards \$6 a set

Jacob & Co. biscuits

Banknotes that made history 1975 24 cards \$3 with album

Midland Counties Ice Cream

Banknotes 1974 20 cards \$25 a set

B&G Moffet Candy

Money that made history 1981 102 cards \$14 a set

Swettenham Tea

British coins and costumes 1958 25 cards \$6 a set

Tonibell Ice Cream

Banknotes 1974 20 cards \$6 a set

Minutes of the WPNS business meeting as prepared by M. Homza.

The meeting was called to order by E. Krivoniak at 8:11 pm.

Treasurer H. Colborn reports a balance of 3,135.73 of which \$750 is in the life fund.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved with the addition of the program presented.

CORRESPONDANCE

The ballot for the ANA elections was presented to the Society. The consensus opinion was for the election of the slate of Stanton, Lenker, Boling, Carmody, and Connel. The Society felt that these people would best serve our goals of education and fiscal prudence. The formal motion was made by W. Homren and seconded by H. Colborn. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman L. Dziubek reports that there are two applications pending. They are D. Chesonis and C. Culleton. The secretary will be notified if the vote is to take place in July.

PROGRAMS

L. Korchnak will need the speakers for the next year. A special effort will be made to try to get some representation from the older members.

AUDIT

The audit of the treasurer will be done before next meeting by members Burns and Kaminsky.

OLD BUSINESS

Card tables are still needed for use at our present meeting site.

NEW BUSINESS

The reports of the President, Treasurer, And Secretary were presented.

MISC. HOUSEKEEPING BUSINESS

It was decided to abide by the by-laws in regards members in arrears in dues. Notes would be sent to anyone outstanding from last year. Those behind three years will be dropped. The only exception is member J. Scheetz due to his past service.

The decision was made to take no action on the negotiations to move title of some of the WPNS archives to the Western Pa. Historical Society.

It was decided to replenish the supply of membership cards for the society.

It was decided to contact our corresponding member to see if

he can comply with the terms of his membership.

It was decided that due to the current rates, and for ease, that the life fund would remain in the regular account and be kept track of separately by the treasurer.

All members with Society materials are encouraged to get them to the secretary.

Nominations were opened and there were no further nominations. The new officers are:

PRESIDENT	E. Krivoniak
VICE PRESIDENT	L. Korchnak
SECRETARY	M. Homza
TREASURER	H. Colborn
CURATOR	W. Homren

The slate of officers was passed with only L. Dziubek opposed.

An impromptue program on his trip to Komi, S.R. was presented by member T. Shiff.

The motion to adjourn was made by R. Hershey and seconded by J. Burns. It passed at 10:06 PM.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 6-6-95

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. <u>M. HOMZA</u>	1. <u>CORY COSTO</u>	<u>Large Cents</u>
2. <u>Jerry Porter</u>	2. <u>Ship Collection</u>	<u>TIN CIGAR BOX</u> ^{W. JUNK} <u>ITEMS FOR SALE</u>
3. <u>Larry Kordinski</u>	3.	<u>W. LEVIS Counterstamps, assorted</u> <u>Papal</u>
4. <u>Eileen Kamenshky</u>	4.	
5. <u>Jim Brown</u>	5.	
6. <u>Ed Shy</u>	6.	<u>Russia Curr.</u>
7. <u>Ed Krissinel</u>	7.	<u>Error Coins</u>
8. <u>McCarton</u>	8.	
9. <u>John W. Burns</u>	9.	<u>3 varieties Chinese cash</u> <u>179-187 A.C.</u>
10. <u>Wayne K. Homer</u>	10.	<u>MANUSCRIPT: GLEANINGS FROM CONTEMPORARY</u> <u>NEWSPAPERS; SILVER 1879 WPNS MEDAL</u>
11. <u>Quibel</u>	11.	<u>W.P.N.S. Medals</u>
12. <u>E. TOMLINSON FORT</u>	12.	
13. <u>Richard Early</u>	13.	<u>Political Button. POST Badges</u>
14. <u>Doc Gaetano</u>	14.	<u>CUSTER MEDALS</u>
15. <u>R. H. HERSHEY</u>	15.	
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Schedule of Business WPNS proposed 5-18-95

June annual business meeting
election of officers
reports of pres., sec., treas., curator
report of auditing committee

July new officers begin
dues are due
program is prepared for printing
planning social begins

Aug.

Sept program is mailed

Oct *Coin ID day*

Nov social meeting

Dec

Jan

Feb

March

Apr appoint nominate comm
appoint audit comm

Museum meeting

May open nominations

Historical Society dues due

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society
Treasurer's Report, 1994-1995

Beginning with the July, 1994 meeting, WPNS held 12 monthly meetings, including the annual social and business meetings held in November 1994 and June 1995, respectively. Each of the 10 remaining meetings included a prepared discussion with numismatic content.

Due to one death and one resignation, the number of members decreased by two during the year, ending in June, 1995 at 38. Life memberships increased by one to 5. One corresponding membership was added.

The bank balance at the beginning of June, 1994 was \$3498.52, made up of a \$600 life membership account and \$2898.52 regular account. At the end of May, 1995, the total decreased about \$360 to \$3135.73, which includes a \$750 life membership account, while the regular account became \$2385.73, a decrease of about \$510.

The Society maintains for sale club photos taken in 1991, medals of the Society for 1978, a catalog of Allegheny County brewery tokens, a catalog of encased cents, and a reprint of the original by-laws of the Society.

H.W. Colborn
June 6, 1995

Report for the year 1994-1995

by WPNS secretary Michael Homza

When I decided to take this office in our organization, it was with four goals in mind. The most important to me was to rebuild the newsletter into something the members would at least read now and then. The second was to try to get some of the absent members to attend meetings now and then. The third was to make the newer members more familiar to the older and out-of-state members. The least important goal was to accomplish the above without getting punched. Three out of four ain't bad.

I am happy to report that everyone seems to be opening and reading the newsletter. Some are great fans, a few don't like it, but everyone is opening the envelopes. Our president, Ed, was well known not to have opened a WPNS envelope for years. The third month of my term, he had to begin; if for no other reason than to find out what everyone was talking about. The support Ed gave to my effort really helped as I went through the year.

In the second goal, I fell flat. I tried every trick I knew to try to get some of the absentees out and nothing succeeded. The only consolation is that a few of the people who haven't been active are again talking about the Society and reminding others that they, too, are proud members of our group.

The third goal has had some success; I had hoped for more. My style of writing made us human. I not only told of the numismatic accomplishments we had, but I exposed some of our thoughts and foibles to the examination of others in our Society. We have half the membership which has never met the other half due to the absence of so many since long before I joined our group. That the newer people are top-notch numismatists goes without saying; that we are also people, who laugh and cry and enjoy each other's company, could not be known except for the words I have written. Some of the long-term members have indicated that they got my point; too many are still unheard from except for their dues.

The fourth was, by far, the least important to me. I've been hit before. I went into this to push the limit until I got some reaction; just to prove there was some life out there. Because of problems in my life outside numismatics, which I shared with everyone, I did not do my job the way I would have wished. I am told that I have offended some; for that I am sorry. But I think it is illuminating that those offended have never been the object of my words and the two members, Burns and Bassett, I have abused most often are among my biggest supporters.

I am part of a new group of numismatists; we are younger and sometimes a mite rougher than the past generations. We respect those who have preceded us, but we don't let that respect keep us from doing some serious work and having fun at the same time. We are as serious as the earlier numismatists while being less stodgy and formal. We get the work done with a twinkle in our eye instead of a scowl. We are more learned, judging by our work, and I think it is because we are more free to dive into the books and see where it leads us.

Maybe I am the extreme of the coming generation of numismatists. Personally, I think that title belongs to Ken Reinhardt. And while I am sorry to offend, I will not step back. Because, like or not, I am getting the job done. What better can we say of any person?

Respectfully submitted, this day
June 6, 1995



Michael T. Homza

Minutes of the May 2, 1995 meeting of WPNS as taken by M. Homza.

The meeting was called to order by E. Krivoniak at 8:10.

The minutes of both March and April were read and approved.

Treasurer H. Colborn reports that there is a balance of \$3,131.69 of which \$750 is in the life fund.

L. Dziubek reports that the society has received membership applications from D. Chesonis and C. Culleton. Both are recommended by Wayne Homren.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was reported to the Society by J. Groninger that the West Penn Coin Club Show has been cancelled due to the loss of the show site. The Knights Court has become a nursing home.

OLD BUSINESS:

The membership in the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society for the WPNS will come due this month. Members Shiff, Dziubek, and I will again be sponsoring the Society. The fourth, L. Korchnak, will be contacted; or another fourth will be found. Mr. Dziubek is heading this effort.

The motion to adjourn was made by D. Gaetano and seconded by J. Burns. It passed at 10:10.

→ Program given by me.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: May 2, 1995

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. <u>M. Konye</u>	1. <u>Carleen Chedonas</u>	<u>himself</u>
2. <u>Test Slay</u>	2. <u>Charles Culliton</u>	<u>Hall Bank Notes</u>
3. <u>Gary Eppel</u>	3. <u>Chuck Ambrose</u>	1910 PENNA. Drivers LIC.
4. <u>Chuck Ell</u>	4.	<u>Paper Money - Foreign</u>
5. <u>Pat Bugliaro</u>	5.	
6. <u>Jerry Beeck</u>	6.	<u>Leighton 1794 - 1/2 cent.</u>
7. <u>ED KRIVONIAK</u>	7.	<u>LATIN AMERICAN COINS - NICKEL</u> ERRORS
8. <u>Harry Colborn</u>	8.	
9. <u>Russell HERSHEY</u>	9.	<u>U.S. PAPER MONEY</u>
10. <u>Jim Kroninger</u>	10.	
11. <u>Wayne Hansen</u>	11.	<u>Coins from Champo II self</u> <u>Bushnell, Breck, Culliton, Gishwood/Elder</u>
12. <u>Jerry Porter</u>	12.	<u>MEXICAN COINS, ETC.</u>
13. <u>Lesley Greedy</u>	13.	<u>MISC. EXERCISES</u>
14. <u>D. Gaetano</u>	14.	
15. <u>John W. Burns</u>	15.	
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Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Meeting Date: April 4, 1995

Member Name	Exhibits
Mike Komya	
Larry Ginter	
Dick Gaetano	
Bill Hunter	
Richard Crosby	Civil War Belt Buckle (3)
Ed Brionio	
Her Colborn	
Ted Skiff	
Wayne K. Horn	1815 \$1 BANK OF PITTSBURGH NOTE 1774 BS NEW YORK WATER WORKS NOTE
John Burns	
Skip	
Guest Name	Exhibits
Mary Geist	
Corleen	

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I'M GONNA BE IN DEEP DOO-DOO
AFTER THIS ONE, FOLKS!

NEXT MEETING MAY 2
PLACE: ALLEGHENY BLDG., 7th FLOOR
TIME: GATHER AT 7, MEET AT 8

PROGRAM: WAMPUM
BY ME (YOU LUCKY PEOPLE)

I GOT A QUESTION, why the heck do we print programs anyway? Fort changes topics; me and Jerry switch; July 4 becomes July 5 (it really is!!); no-one seems to know this Bums who is speaking in August. Is it possible to get these things done in pencil? And people wonder why my hair is turning gray!

The last meeting was attended by an unknown factor of people. Unknown because several didn't sign in. The program was very good, and thanks to the Carnegie for the loan of a few coins. If only their old collection was still together. Ah, well.

Only a little business was done. The one part, as I said, was to move the July meeting to Wednesday the 5th. The usual time, the same place. I will remind you in two months. Assuming I remember.

Secondly: Friend of the Society Skip Culleton brought us a list of illustrations he needs for his part of the Allegheny Project. The list is included as part of this letter. Anyone who can help, send a copy to the club, Skip, or your favorite officer. This part is so close to done, we can almost taste it. So, get off your duff and help.

THE LONGER PART OF BUSINESS concerned a current member of the Society. A prolonged discussion of his morals, or lack thereof, was held with all in attendance participating. The life it brought into the meeting warmed my heart. Even the guests couldn't help but get involved. It was therefore

RESOLVED: That John Burns would find roadkill to be erotic.

MOVED: by member Homren

SECONDED: by guest Geist

APPROVED: by all with one exception

It was an unusual move by the Society, but the time had come for decisive action. If it wasn't for the fact that, besides being known in numismatic circles, John was immortalized in song (see tune included), we probably wouldn't let him hang with us.

See John, told you I'd do it.

NOTE: Although the song was used on television in the late 60's, it (like John) could offend some people. So, not every newsletter has a copy. If you did not get one, and would like one, call me or attend the next meeting. As your editor, I sometimes have to edit.

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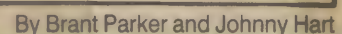
HAPPY EASTER, MR. RIPLEY My reporter in the field (where he is probably harassing --- well, never mind), John Burns, just called me with some late news. You all remember Ralph Ruggiero; that guy with the truly great cookie duster? Seems we now know why he hasn't been at any meetings for a while. He is in Rome becoming a priest. Honest to Him, that is what we were told. Ralph now is the only person with an excuse to miss meetings that I will accept. I risk enough lightning bolts as it is! Best of luck to you Ralph; write us when you can.

I KNOW THIS IS A MISTAKE AS I WRITE IT DEPT. I think the Hell I put him through just caught up with him. Sorry Ralph, I had to say that. Forgive me. After that's your job now, isn't it?

COMING SHOWS

MAY 20 WEST PENN COIN CLUB Knights Court Inn, Rte 30 by the
21 Turnpike exit info: Paul Resko, PO Box 9370, Pittsburgh
PA 15225 be there or I'll tell Korchnak - and he ain't
pretty when he gets mad

NEXT ISSUE: Identifying my mutilated remains and convicting Burns without Kato Kaelen's testimony using Brown & Dunn.



NEED PICTURES	Chart#	Open	Close	ADDRESS
Third NB of Allegheny	2235	1875	1902	140 Federal Street
Citizens NB of Bellevue	8761	1907	1927	505 Lincoln Ave
Union NB of Braddock	6796	1903	1907	816 Braddock Ave
FNB Castle Shannon	9128	1908	1994	
First NB of Chartiers	4762	1892	1894	7 West Main (Peoples NB in 1947)?
Clairton NB	6495	1902	1910	State & Border Sts.
Hays NB	6507	1902	--	142 Baldwin Road
First NB of Homestead	3829	1887	1903	Ann St & Eighth Ave. Fate after 1944??
Homestead NB	5365	1900	1916	211 Eighth Ave
FNB of McKees Rocks	5142	1898	1933	319 Chartiers Ave
FNB in McKees Rocks	14107	1934	??	319 Chartiers Ave (1951). PNB (1954).?
First NB of Munhall	8795	1907	1916	Eighth & Dickson.
FNB Oakmont	7642	1900	??	Allegh River Blvd & PA (1900).
		--	--	Allegh & Maryland (1954- ??).
		--	--	Allegheny River Blvd (1995)
American NB of Pgh	7581	1905	1908	530 Smithfield
Bank of Pgh, NA	5225	1899	??	226 Fourth Ave.
City NB of Pgh	2195	1874	1876	Sixth & Smithfield
Colonial NB of Pgh	6567	1903	1904	315 Fourth Ave
Commercial NB of Pgh	2711	1882	1915	308 Fourth Ave
Cosmopolitan NB of Pgh	6216	1902	1908	Sixth & Liberty
Fourth NB of Pgh	432	1864	1910	242 Fourth Ave
Land NB of Pgh	12414	1923	??	6102 Penn Ave
NB of Amer at Pgh	2261	1918	1933	206 E Ohio Street
NB of Amer in Pgh	14271	1934	1974	709-11 E Ohio Street
U S NB of Pgh	5017	1895	1914	503 Market street
Washington NB of Pgh	6725	1903	1910	Fifth & Wood
Western NB Pgh	4918	1913	1923	Penn & Ninth
First NB in Sewickley	13699	1933	??	Beaver & Broad
Springdale NB	8320	1906	1932	896 Pgh St (Post Office Site)
NB of Springdale	8320	1932	??	847 or 849 Pgh St? PNB in 1956.
First NB of Turtle Creek	6574	1903	1932	Noble & Washington?
NB of Turtle Creek	6568	1903	1907	73 Penn Ave?
First NB West Elizabeth	6373	1902	1914	Lincoln & 4th Ave.
Central NB of Wilkinsburg	5265	1900	1930	Wood & Franklin (or Wood & South)?
First NB of Wilson	6794	1903	1922	State & Walnut

NEED PHOTOCOPY OF LARGE SIZE NOTE	Chart#	Open	Close
Braddock NB	2828	1882	
Union NB of Braddock	6796	1903	1907
Union NB Carnegie	12934	1926	--
FNB Castle Shannon	9128	1908	1994
First NB of Chartiers	4762	1892	1894
Clairton NB	6495	1902	1910
Citizens NB McKeesport	4876	1893	1903
NB McKeesport	4625	1891	--
First NB of Munhall	8795	1907	1916
Peoples NB Pitcairn	11892	1920	1932
American NB of Pgh	7581	1905	1908
City NB of Pgh	2195	1874	1876
Colonial NB of Pgh	6567	1903	1904
First NB Allegheny, Pgh	198	1909	1915
NB of Western PA	4918	1893	1913
Second NB Allegheny, Pgh	776	1918	1930
Second NB of Pgh	252	1864	1904
Smithfield NB Pgh	2281	1875	1878
Western NB Pgh	4918	1913	1923
First NB of Turtle Creek	6574	1903	1932
NB of Turtle Creek	6568	1903	1907
First NB West Elizabeth	6373	1902	1914
East Pgh NB of Wilwerding	5000	1895	1923
First NB of Wilson	6794	1903	1922

THE BURNS MARCH A.K.A. SMUT by PROF. TOM LEHRER

Smut! Give me smut and nothing but! A dirty novel I can't shut,
If it's uncut, and unsubt-----le.

I've never quibbled if it was ribald,
I would devour where others merely nibbled.
As the judge remarked the day he acquitted my Aunt Hortense,
"To be smut it must be utterly without redeeming social
importance". Or---

The pornographic pictures I adore, Indecent magazines galore,
I like them more if they're hard-core.

Bring on the obscene movies, murals, postcards, neckties,
samplers, stained-glass windows, tattoos, anything.
More, more, I'm still not satisfied!

Stories of tortures used by debauchers, lurid, licentious, and
vile make me smile.
Novels that pander to my taste for candor give me a pleasure
sublime Let's face it, I love slime!

All books can be indecent books though recent books are bolder,
for filth (I'm glad to say) is in the mind of the beholder.
When correctly viewed, everything is lewd.
I could tell you things about Peter Pan and the Wizard of Oz,
There's a dirty old man!

I thrill to any book like Fanny Hill and I suppose I always
will if it is swill and really fil----thy.

Who needs a hobby like tennis or philately?
I've got a hobby re-reading Lady Chatterly!
But now they're trying to take it all away from us unless
we take a stand and hand in hand we fight for freedom of the
press, in other words---

Smut! Like the adventures of a slut.
Oh, I'm a market they can't glut, I don't know what
compares to smut. Hip hip hooray!!!
Let's hear it for the Supreme Court!!!
Don't let them take it away!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Minutes of the April 4, 1995 meeting of WPNS as taken by M. Homza.

The meeting was called to order by E. Krivoniak at 8:02pm.

Minutes and treasurer were tabled until next month.

Committee reports:

Skip Culleton turned over a list of illustrations he needs for the Allegheny Project. The list will be published in the next newsletter.

Old business:

A motion to change the July 4 meeting to July 5 was made by E. Krivoniak and seconded by J. Burns. The motion passed.

The program was presented by Wayne Homren.

The Society thanked Dr. Richardson for the use of the Carnegie's collection.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Homren and seconded by Ted Shiff. It passed at 9:10.

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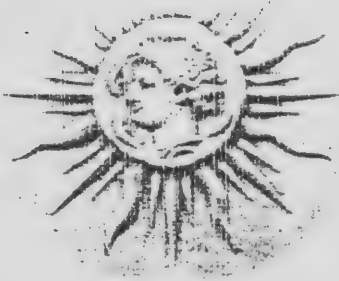
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: 3.7.95

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Richard Crosby	1. Malgorzata Moxer	Medals / Badges US
2. ROSE IERSHEY	2. Charles Cullerton	
3. E. TOMLINSON FORT	3. Greenich Greenich	
4. Wayne Hamren	4. Cory Costo	Stone lithographic check printing plate (Bank of America)
5. PAT McBRIDE	5.	
6. Larry Korchnak	6.	Paper Coins, Silver Coins, Reliquaries
7. J ED STIFF	7.	Books
8. Jim Groninger	8.	Coins - in book and Sweden
9. Shu Colborn	9.	
10. Dick Hacland	10.	
11. Jerry Verck	11.	Lafayette & G. Washington Medallion
12. Ed Krinnich	12.	
13. Mike Koppa	13.	
14. William Horney	14.	
15. Ellen Kamm	15.	
16. Neil Dunn	16.	
17. Gary Gimbels	17.	
18. John Burns	18.	
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DOES THIS MEAN I GET PRESS CREDENTIALS ?
I GOT SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK SOME FOLKS

NEXT MEETING APRIL 4
PLACE: MUSEUM ANNEX, 5800 BAUM BLVD
TIME: GREET AT 7, MEET AT 8

PROGRAM: U.S. PATTERN COINAGE
BY WAYNE HOMREN

Last month's meeting was another winner. The business part of the meeting was done in 20 minutes. Left lots of time for the program and lots of monkey business. We had 18 members and 4 guests. Our new room will take a little getting used to, but I think it will work out well. The LUNCH BUNCH gathered at Chinatown Inn early for a fine meal. Being good Republicans, and knowing there is no free lunch, we each paid our own tabs. Although, I did take General Tso's beef away from him. Can't help it, I'm mean when I'm hungry. And the meals were so huge that most all had to leave some behind. And most of us will have some behinds if we keep eating like this.

SO, WHY ARE WE MOVING AGAIN? Because that is the only way we can have Wayne's program. If all of us would be so nice as to dust off our pattern coins, maybe we wouldn't have to beg for the loan of the Carnegie collection. But since we are all so busy..... Be sure to save the map. For best details on the fine dining, I suggest calling our resident Siskel & Eberts of the heartburn set, Mistfers Shiff and Homren.

SOME LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT: Since no one even tried the contest, guess I'll just have to keep those ten large cents in mint state the correct caller would have won. I did say TEN CENTS, didn't I? The Illuminati are the all time mother of conspiracy theories. They were founded on May 1, 1776 by Adam Weishaupt in Bavaria. They were anarchists who operated through other secret societies like the Masons. The Illuminists did gain a lot of control, secretly, of the Masons and other groups and used their position to influence civic and governmental affairs. A lot of events were altered by them until 1785 when some unhappy members went to the authorities throughout Europe, leading to the oppression of the Masons and other groups.

The light of Illuminism would have died except for one small thing: the French Revolution. Seems as the nobility had to blame something other than poor Kings, so the Illuminati were chosen. Some of the revolutionaries even were members, so the mud stuck. Several books were written at the time against secret societies and we all know what happens to things that get ink: they live forever.

Since then, the Illuminati have been seriously blamed by some otherwise normal scholars for:

The Crusades, the Inquisition, the death of Christ, the training of Lenin, global warming, J.F.K., and just about every event since the Big Bang (which, by the way, was followed by the Big

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Cigarette. Sorry.)). This is known as travelling from the Realm of Reality to the State of Paranoia. Illuminists could be spotted by looking for the use of certain number sequences (un-specified) and the use of double number or letter sequences in daily life. There has been talk about the word 'fnord' popping up in news stories as part of an Illuminist re-birth, but that was a joke started as part of an article in PLAYBOY. For more info read THE MYTHOLOGY OF SECRET SOCIETIES by J.M. Roberts. Now, aren't you glad you asked?

IT'S SOAPBOX TIME AGAIN!!! As part of his acceptance speech, Larry called on the membership to try a bit harder to turn out for local coin shows. For once I agree with him whole dog (don't like pork). Our position in the numismatic community is a bit mixed. While we are well known and respected on the national level, we tend to ignore the local area. It was nice to have our journal for sale at the ANA. It would be even better if one of us would have thought to have some for sale at the South Hills show. Or ask Al if he would try to sell one or two at the shows he runs. It's good to see so many WPNS members sharing their knowledge at national shows. A small one wouldn't hurt now and then, too.

Some people say that the "bingo clubs" aren't open to our kind of study. I beg to differ. The most polite audience (including our own club) that I have had the pleasure to give a program for was the South Hills club. The members there have a lot to be proud of. They may not be the bookworms most of us are, but they really want to learn.

So, let us go forth. And multiply the number of numismatists. And show some support for the home teams.

BY THE WAY, DID I MENTION THAT WE HAVE A NEW VEEP? Yep, it was a hard run campaign, but in the end we all won with the election of Mr. Lawrence (of Aliquippa) Korchnak. That makes 3/4 of the front offices held by good Irishmen like myself. In my opinion, Larry is about the best we have in our ranks and I wish him a good future as an officer.

But, have you noticed how he always sits on the president's left? Of course, I'm always on the right. And in the right.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT. We have a lot of members that I have yet to meet or hear from. I know that everyone gets

- a) busy
- b) tired of meetings
- c) older
- d) a house in another city

but that shouldn't stop you from dropping us a note now and then or dropping by once every few years. You would do that for your mother, wouldn't you? Well, I can get several people to call me a ---- well, never mind. Let's just say that it would be nice to see you again. For the record; I was the cute little guy who used to be at all the shows with Eli. Let's see if you can recognize me now.

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Or at least an adverb.

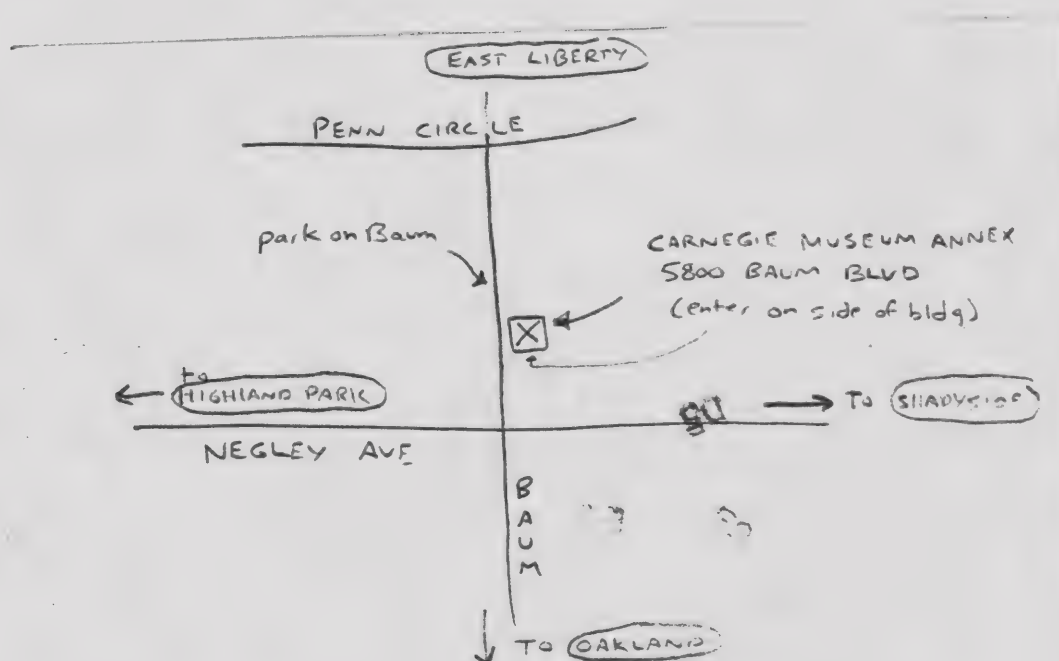
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WANTED: ANYTHING I CAN PRINT HERE!! Beg, beg, plead, and grovel.

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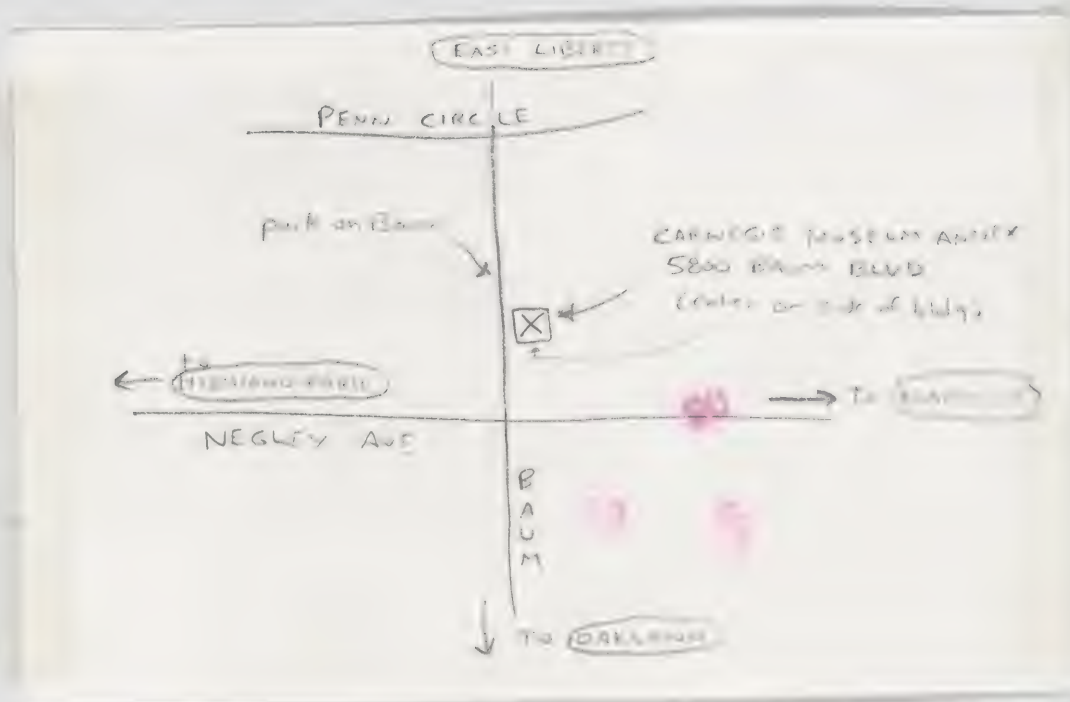
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Minutes of the March 7, 1995 meeting of WPNS as taken by M. Homza.

The meeting was called to order by E. Krivoniak at 8:08.

The Feb. minutes were approved as read.

H. Colborn reports that the treasury stands at \$3,193.14 of which \$750 is in the life fund.

Old business:

The ANA slate was presented to the membership. A motion was made to endorse J.T. Stanton by W. Homren and seconded by myself. The motion carried as the majority of the members felt Mr. Stanton would be of great benefit to the hobby.

Larry Korchnak was elected to the office of vice-president of the society by unanimous consent of the membership.

Mr. Korchnak asked the membership to support the local shows held by the other area clubs and collectors. As one of the lead bodies in local numismatics, we should encourage the other groups in the region.

There was no new business.

The program was presented by Mr. Fort.

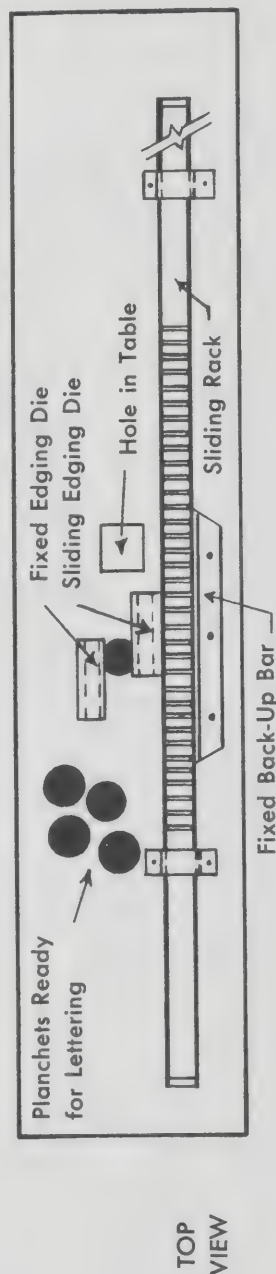
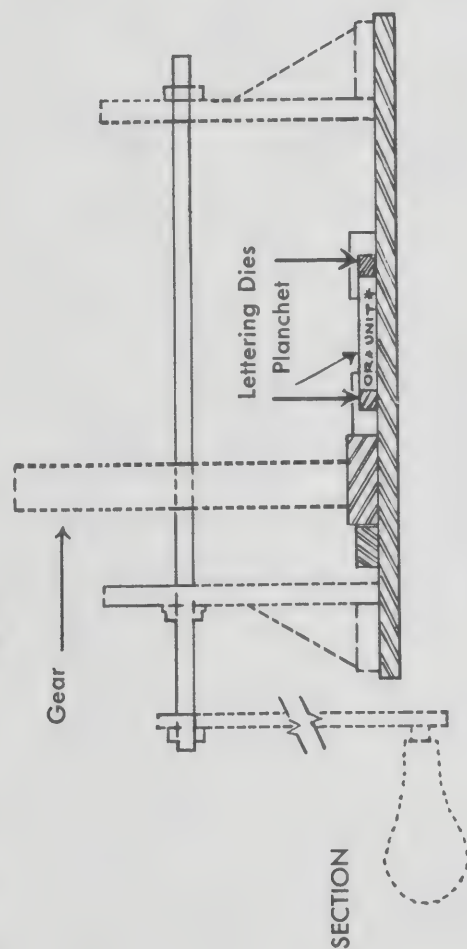
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- c. Edge Errors. Edge errors for lettered edge half dollars include every imaginable combination of lettering. A machine called a casting machine was used to place the devices on the edge of the planchet prior to striking the coin. The normal edge is "FIFTY CENTS OR HALF A DOLLAR". The following list is a compilation of known edge errors.

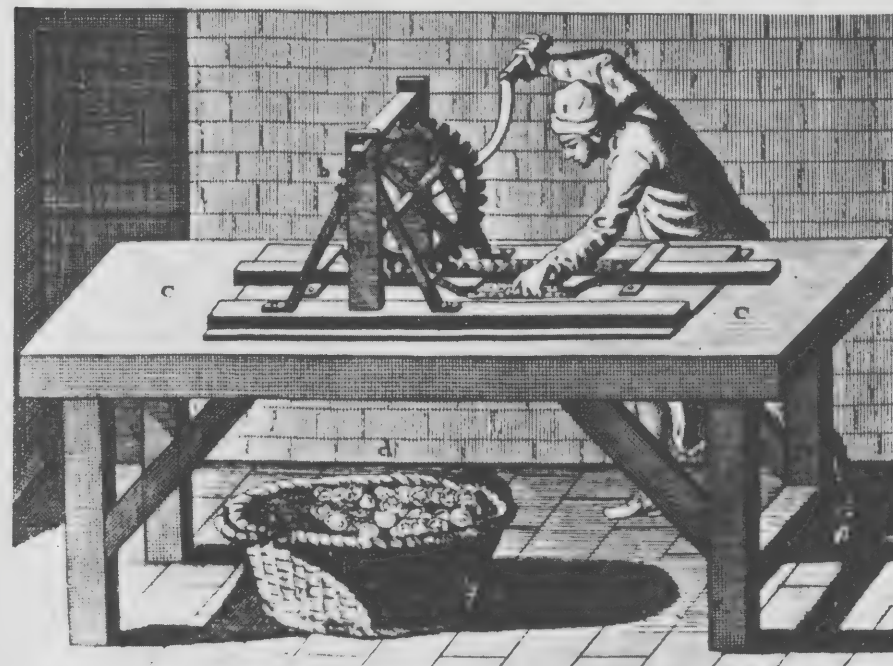
E1	FIFTY CENTS ORHALF A DOLLAR	E32	FIFTY CENTS OR HALF DOLLAR
E2	FIFTY CENTS O RHALF A DOLLAR	E33	FIFTY CENTS OR HALA DOLLAR
E3	FIFTY CENTS OHRALF A DOLLAR	E34	FIFTY CENTS HAOLF A DOLLAR
E4	FIFTY CENTS OHALF A DOLLAR	E35	FIFTY CENTS HAOLRF A DOLLAR
E5	FIFTY CENTS O HALF A DOLLAR	E36	FIFTY CENTS HAORLF A DOLLAR
E6	FIFTY CENTS O HALE A DOLLAR	E37	FIFTY CENTS HORALF A DOLLAR
E7	FIFTY CENTS ORALF A DOLLAR	E38	FIFTY CENTS HORLF DOLLAR
E8	FIFTY CENTS AOLRF A DOLLAR	E39	FIFTY CENTSHALF A DOLLAR
E9	FIFTY CENTS OARLF A DOLLAR	E40	FIFTY CENTSALF A DOLLAR
E10	FIFTY CENTS AOLF A DOLLAR	E41	FIFTY CENTS O HALF A LOLLOP
E11	FIFTY CENTS OALF A DOLLAR	E42	FIFTY OR HALF A DOLLAR
E12	FIFTY CENTS OLAF A DOLLAR	E43	FIFTY CENTSHALFO DOLLAR
E13	FIFTY CENTS ORF A DOLLAR	E44	FIFTYFICENTS ORALF A DOLLAR
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E17	FIFTY CENTS OLRF A DOLLAR	E48	CENTS OR HALF A DOLLTAY
E18	FIFTY CENTS LOF A DOLLAR	E49	CENTS OR HALF A DOLFLIAFRTY
E19	FIFTY CENTS OR ALF A DOLLAR	E50	CENTS OR HALF A DOLLARFIFTY
E20	FIFTY CENTS O LF A DOLLAR	E51	CENTS OR HALF A DOLFLIAFTY
E21	FIFTY CENTS ALF A DOLLAR	E52	CENTS OR HALF A DOLLARIFTY
E22	FIFTY CENTS OR LF A DOLLAR	E53	CENTS OR HALF A DOLLAIFTY
E23	FIFTY CENTS LF A DOLLAR	E54	DOFIFTY CENTS OR HALF A
E24	FIFTY CENTS OR F A DOLLAR	E55	1 to 3 WORDS DOUBLED
E25	FIFTY CENTS OR A DOLLAR	E56	ALL LETTERING DOUBLED. RARE.
E26	FIFTY CENTS O A DOLLAR	E57	ALL LETTERING TRIPLED. VERY RARE.
E27	FIFTY CENTS OF A DOLLAR	E58	ENTIRELY PLAIN EDGE. (Coin that never passes through the edge lettering devices.) EXTREMELY RARE.
E28	FIFTY CENTS F A DOLLAR		
E29	FIFTY CENTS A DOLLAR		
E30	FIFTY CENTS HALF A DOLLAR	E59	FLIP OVER ALL LETTERING DOUBLED. EXTREMELY RARE.
E31	FIFTY CENTS R HALF A DOLLAR		

SCHEMATIC DRAWING
OF CASTING EDGE
LETTERING MACHINE
USED AT U.S. MINT
PRIOR TO 1836.



marginal ridge, performing the function of upsetting the border. After edge lettering, the planchets dropped through a hole in the table into a container. Since the planchets were handled in bulk before coinage, the edge lettering is found both facing up and facing down relative to the obverse.

This edge lettering procedure was perfected by the French engineer Castaing in 1685. As used in the Royal Mint in England it was crudely illustrated in 1750 in the *Universal Magazine*. The operation as used in the French Mint was shown in an engraving published in 1771.³⁶ (See illustration.)



1771 French illustration of the Castaing edge decorating machine in use.

Reeding of the edge was done in a similar fashion. Since the reeding was a repetitive design, the edging dies could be made longer so that the two planchets could be inserted one behind the other and each rolled a full turn or more with one operation of the crank. Since lettering was not repetitive, the same part of the circumference could not be rolled along both dies.

It would not have been practical to do any edge work on a struck coin because the metal was hardened in striking and the finished circumferential radials would be disturbed.

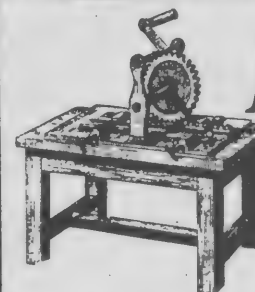
The dies for the obverse and the reverse were made from soft steel in a cylindrical form. The flat end, after smoothing, was cut with a punch or hub

³⁶ Denis Diderot and Jean D'Alembert, "Monnoyage (Art de fabriquer les monnoies)," *Encyclopédie* (Geneva, Switzerland, 1751-1765 and subsequent early editions, the illustrations relating to coinage having been published in Volume VIII of the plates in 1771 at Paris); Sir John Craig, *The Mint* (Cambridge, England, 1953), Plate IX; John Pinkerton, *An Essay on Medals* (London, 1784), Vol. I, p. 201 and Vol. II, p. 129; Montroville W. Dickeson, *The American Numismatical Manual* (Philadelphia, 1859), p. 35; C. Wilson Peck, *English Copper Tin and Bronze Coins in the British Museum* (London, 1960), p. 142.



A REMEMBRANCE OF *Jeanne Estaing*

GEORGE E. EWING JR. LM 3119



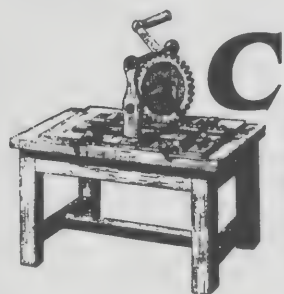
In the year 1700 an embittered French woman, aggrieved over the false imprisonment of her husband and her own humiliation

at being treated as a "common criminal," petitioned the French Court of the Mint for redress. Using every argument she could muster—and they were extraordinary—she angrily attacked her husband's enemies. Her language was volatile. She did not hesitate to call them imposters, imbeciles, liars and incompetents, and she proceeded to prove, step by step, that they were deserving of every epithet she hurled at them in court.

The lady proved herself a worthy adversary. Her husband was subsequently released from prison and his chief accuser was ordered to pay £6,000 in damages. The name of this avenging Portia was

Marie Hippolyte Bosch, and the husband she so ably defended was Jean Castaing, inventor of a coin edge-lettering machine that was used in France for more than a century.

However, with her carefully prepared arguments, Madame Castaing did far more than secure her husband's release from prison some 300 years ago. She left us a valuable record of his career as an inventor of minting techniques, as well as a vivid picture of the times in which he lived and worked.



Castaing was a mechanical engineer who invented, some time before 1679, a machine *a marquer*—a machine for engraving the edges of coins. King Louis XIV, the "Sun King," was impressed with Castaing's invention, though it found little favor with the financial minister, Jean Baptiste Colbert, who saw no need for going to the added expense of marking the edges of coins.

A similar apparatus had been perfected and was in use in England, but Castaing's machine featured so many improvements that it was considered a new invention. According to Abot de Bazinghen,

The machine, as simple as it is ingenious, consists of two thin steel rulers upon which is engraved the legend or the *ordon*; the first half of the legend is on one ruler and the second half on the second ruler. One ruler is immobile and strongly attached by screws to a copper plate secured to a heavy wooden table or workbench. The other ruler is mobile and runs on the copper plate under the action of a crank or gear whose steel teeth mesh with the teeth mounted on the copper plate surface.

The blank placed horizontally between the two rulers is driven by the mobile ruler motion so that when it completes half a turn, it (the coin) is entirely marked.¹

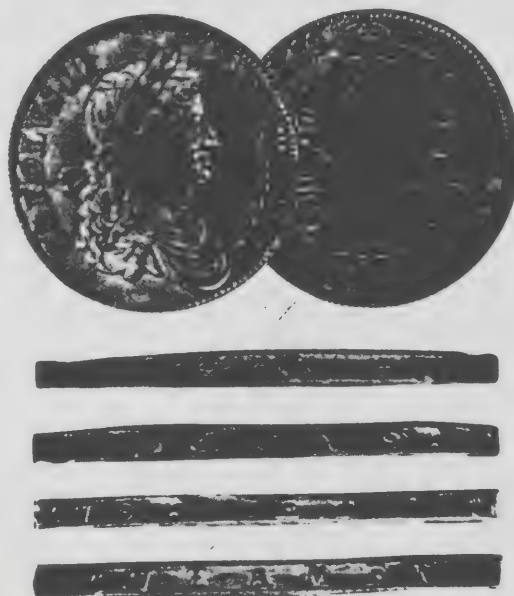
Although the coins were edge-marked by machinery, the actual edge dies had to

be engraved by hand, one at a time.

In 1686 the Council of State, with or without Colbert's compliance, approved a contract with Castaing by which he was to edge-mark all the gold and silver coins in the mints of the kingdom. He was to receive 6 deniers for each silver coin so marked, and 12 deniers for each gold coin. To build the necessary machines, Castaing was allowed use of the Paris mint and all other mints in France, but he had to supply the machines at his own cost and was responsible for paying his own clerks and workmen.

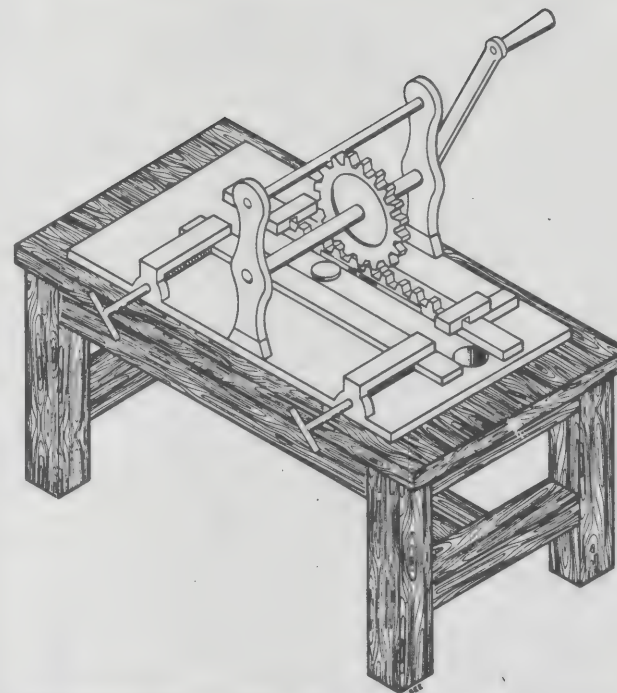
In her testimony before the court, Castaing's wife related that at first the contract did not amount to much because of the temporary lack of gold and silver for conversion. At times, she said, Castaing was forced to deal in precious stones to support his family.

However, in 1688 war was declared between France and many of the nations of Europe, and the currency situation changed. King Louis required money to support the war and also was in need of a way to reduce counterfeit abuses. Castaing once again came to the rescue. He proposed to His Majesty that old coins could be "re-



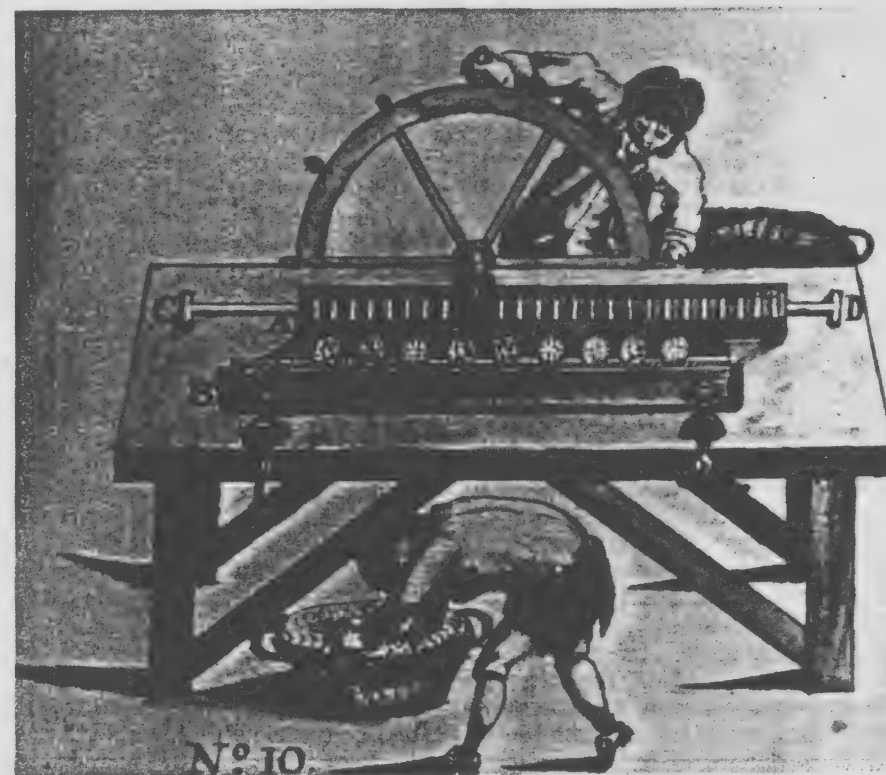
English crown of 1662. The edge lettering reads DECUS ET TUTAMEN.

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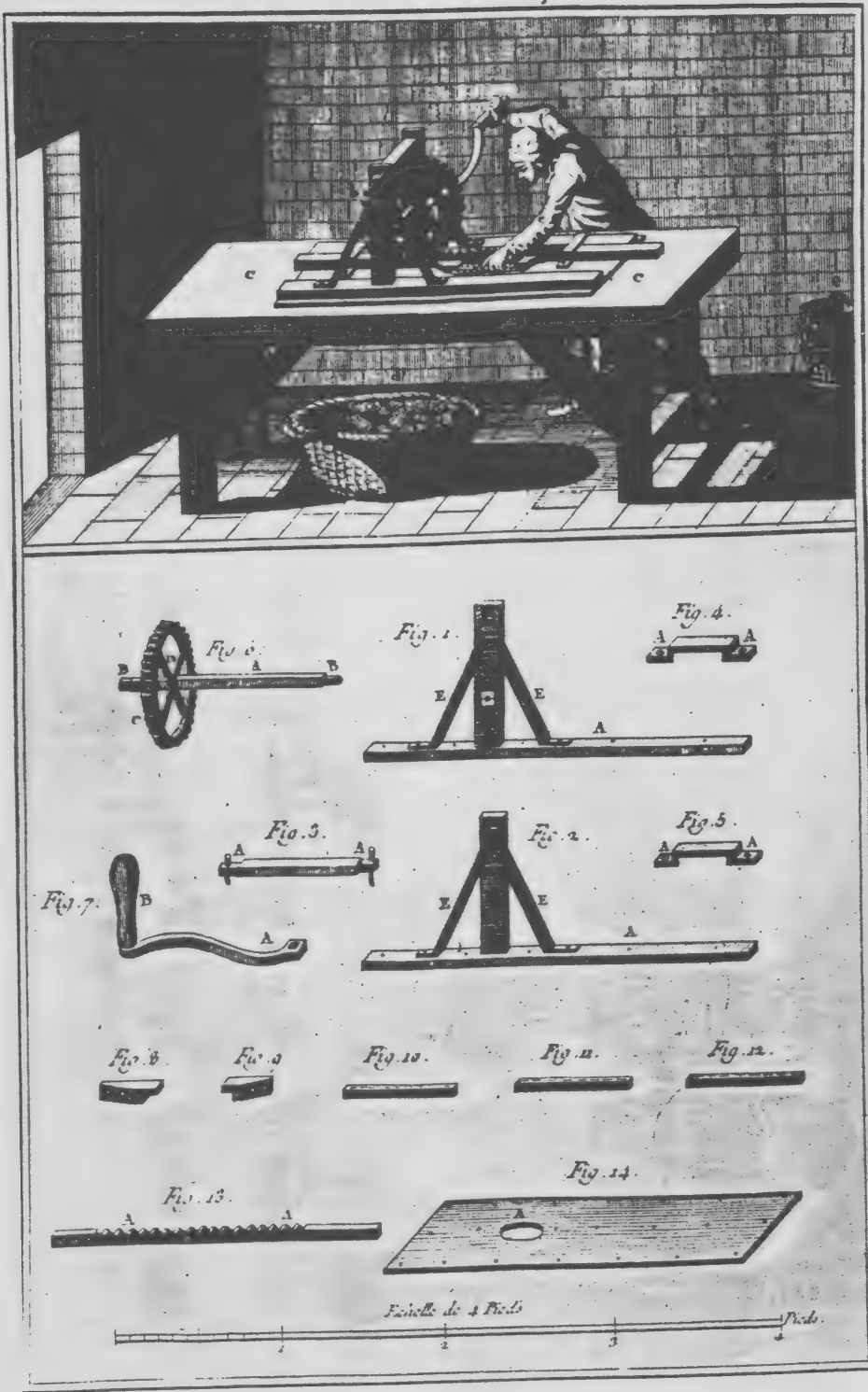
A simplified drawing of the Castaing coin edge-lettering machine.

GEORGE E. EWING JR.



A manuscript drawing of Castaing's coin edge-lettering machine, taken from Samuel Thompson's AN ESSAY ON COINING.

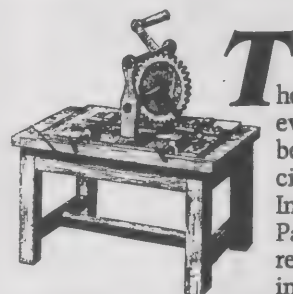
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A Castaing edge-lettering machine and a diagram of its parts, taken from Diderot's *ENCYCLOPEDIE*. 1776.

formed" by applying a new marking with a coin press—a *balancier*—a process that would not require melting the coins. Castaing's proposal was eagerly accepted, as it would save time and eliminate the expensive waste resulting from remelting.

Though Jean Castaing's idea and machine got the royal nod, he did not get the job. Instead of Castaing being placed in charge of the coin reformation, a Parisian tinsmith by the name of Martin Masselin was appointed to the task. For the salary of 14 deniers per coin, Masselin was to "anneal, blanch and edge-mark" the nation's money, and for each coin restored during the first three months of the contract, he would be paid a bonus of 17 deniers.



The tinsmith, however, proved to be neither efficient nor honest. In 17 months the Paris mint had recorded a growing shortage of

£150,000, and an official inquiry was launched into Masselin's activities. He and all his clerks, including those in the provincial mints, were subsequently dismissed, and some were even jailed for diverting funds from the cash box. Finally, in 1691, at the direction of the king, Castaing was given general management of the kingdom's 26 mints.

An edict decreed that Castaing was to "anneal, blanch, do the depletion gilding and mark on the edge all of the ancient gold and silver coins which must be reformed." Additionally, he was to reshape those coins of unusual size and volume. He not only was to maintain the presses for the reformation of old coins, but also those for new coins.

However, instead of the 14 deniers paid Masselin, Castaing was to get only 8 deniers for each reformed coin. When an edict in 1693 called for a second reformation of coins, Castaing was reappointed, but this time at a rate of only 3 deniers for each coin marked.

In 1693 the king was determined to mint a new coin, a "laird," which would

have no head (a two-tailed coin) and a value of 3 deniers. Again Castaing came to the king's aid. He suggested that the coins be minted from the cannons fished from the ocean following Admiral Tourville's battle with the English-Dutch fleet in 1692. The king agreed, and Castaing was placed in charge of the task, assisted by his nephew and namesake, himself an inventor of three minting machines.

For reasons now lost to time, the Castaings abandoned the laird project, and in 1696 the contract went to Rene Landouillet. It may be that Castaing lost interest, because, in that same year, he applied for the position of general manager of the minting press at the Louvre, where medals were struck. He bid £80,000 for the post, but the king instead chose to award it to his goldsmith, Nicolas de Launay. Castaing had to be content with inventorying de Launay's tools.

It might be assumed that Castaing continued unhindered in his work as general manager of the royal mints when he did not receive the appointment at the Louvre, but in fact Castaing had enemies—dangerous enemies. The favor he enjoyed with the king and the large profits he had reaped from the two reformations provoked jealousy and envy. He had usurped the ancient privileges of many of the mint's officers and greatly reduced the minters' profits by using his own workers.

Two of his enemies were the guard judges of the Paris mint, men named Maigret and Bourgoing. The third, and most dangerous because he coveted Castaing's position, was Jacques Fournier de Saint Andre. Together these three planned Castaing's downfall. It was Fournier who brought charges against the Castaings and their clerks, accusing them of malversation—malfeasance in office. Girded with trumped-up charges, Fournier initiated a lawsuit against them to be tried in the Court of the Mint.

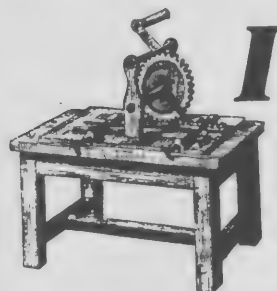
But the schemers had underestimated Castaing's wife. Apparently nothing escaped her notice and no detail was too insignificant to go unmentioned. In acrimonious detail Marie listed not only the falsity of the charges, but also her low opinion of the characters of her accusers. All this she presented to the court in writing, for which posterity is indebted.

We can now try to view, through Marie

A typical engraver's workshop, as depicted in Diderot's *ENCYCLOPEDIE*, 1776



Hippolyte's eyes, the events as they transpired on the evening of March 21, 1700, the day before Castaing was arrested.



It probably was a typically lovely spring day in Paris. Castaing's workshop and the family living quarters occupied two floors of a house owned by Sieur Maigret, one of two guard judges at the mint. Enough to say for now that Maigret himself lived in a larger house across the courtyard, taking for himself a third floor apartment while renting the two lower floors to a gilt dealer, even though this practice was prohibited by a law forbidding officers of the mint to rent to strangers any lodgings assigned with their positions.

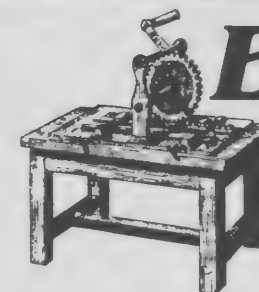
This evening, as every evening, the cashiers from the *Bureau du Change*² arrived at the Castaings' with gold and silver coins turned in by bankers, merchants and tradesmen for reformation. From Dubois, Castaing's clerk, they received receipts only, not new coins—a point Madame Castaing would have everyone keep in mind. The bags of coins were weighed against 200 ecus. If a dispute should ever arise (the Bureau du Change cashiers also issued receipts for the contents), the coins in the bag could be hand-counted.

It just so happened on this night that Madame Castaing was at the weighing scales, for, as she advised the court, like any good wife she assisted her husband whenever necessary, and "despite the frailty" of her sex, took much trouble to accomplish the work with all possible accuracy and fairness. Not only did she have to weigh in the bags of "small change" submitted by the bankers and tradesmen, but also the large cash boxes turned in to

the public cashiers by the royal treasury and customs agents.

Castaing's men annealed the coins until they turned red, washed them and passed them through the depletion gilding process in big copper kettles containing chemicals. The coins were then placed in copper sieves and towed dry. The workmen carried the cleaned coins through four courtyards to the machine room, where, under Castaing's supervision, they were edge-marked.

Normally, minters would have gone to the machine room the next morning and picked up a certain amount of old reprocessed coins for minting—after signing Castaing's register to show they had received them, of course. The reformed coins, ready for circulation, would be returned to the Bureau du Change cashiers or, in the case of the royal monies, to Sieur Arnaud, manager of the treasury, who would record that Castaing had returned the same number of coins with which he had been charged.



But on the morning of March 22 disaster struck. Without formal charges, Jean Castaing was arrested "against all reason, justice or circumstance." The process server, together with the police and other authorities, returned to the Castaing residence that evening and conducted a thorough search of the apartment, confiscating the keys and all the household furnishings. The family and servants were locked out and, to Madame Castaing's humiliation, she was ordered to appear in court like a "common criminal," not to mention that the summons was announced by the town crier and publicly posted!

Homeless, humiliated, wrongly accused and, if we may resort to a cliché, "mad as a wet hen," Madame Castaing did not resort to tears and hand-wringing. Declaring herself a plaintiff, she set down in bold hand a petition against the wrongdoers, whom she identified as Fournier, Maigret and Bourgoing. However, the suit was against Fournier alone, "a slanderer, an imposter and an ignorant in money matters."

The conspiracy, she charged, took place in Maigret's apartment, "used as a . . . shelter for spies, more commonly called stool pigeons," from where they could watch the goings-on at the Castaings' residence across the courtyard.

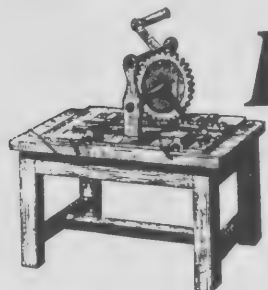
But what reasons could Maigret, an officer of the mint, have for wishing harm to Castaing by appearing as a witness for Fournier? Marie Hippolyte Bosch listed them all.

Since the decree of 1693 decreased the amount paid for each reformed coin, the guard judges were receiving less than half their previous earnings. The decrease had cost Maigret and his fellow officers more than £30,000. For this alone Maigret had threatened to bring Castaing "to his end," despite the fact, said Madame Castaing, that the money saved was to the king's benefit. One cannot help but agree with Marie Hippolyte's words addressed to the court: "Posterity will have a hard time believing that, with the whole of the

tion . . . " she concluded. As for Bruneau, she said, he "has talked only on hearsay, saying Cossin complained he was short of £80." Bruneau was "one of Judge Guard Maigret's fabrications!" charged Madame Castaing, never one for mincing words.

At the time of the alleged shortchanging, she contended, Cossin was 72 years old. "If he counted this part of £200 himself, he could easily have made a mistake considering his advanced age," she argued. If he trusted others, they could have robbed him, but no matter—he should have reported the shortage at the time. To sum it up: "If after seven years Cossin still does not want to start a lawsuit, his testimony as a witness has little validity."

To substantiate her argument, Madame Castaing pointed out that the scales she used were the same scales used by Masselin and that neither the change clerks nor the city cashiers had ever complained of short weights.



It is unfortunate that by only summarizing Marie Hippolyte Bosch's arguments we sacrifice the forcefulness of much of her presentation, as well as the castigation she meted to her husband's enemies. Without

once compromising her ladylike behavior, she "told it like it was." Doubtless, the accusers' dignity suffered greatly at the expense of her public tongue-lashing.

For his part, the chief accuser, Fournier, suffered much more than loss of his dignity, for when the lady was done with her diatribe she asked the lords of the court to not only exonerate her husband and herself, but also to force the accuser and slanderer to apologize to her husband and pay all damages up to £10,000. In addition, she asked for all information of Fournier's associates and conspirators so that she might, "according to her wish," make them individually responsible for all the incurred damages.

The wife of Jean Castaing won her suit, but not immediately. It was two years before the Council of State ordered Fournier's lawsuit dropped, after which the mint court released Castaing from prison. Fournier was compelled to pay the Castaings £6,000 damages and was assessed three-fourths of the trial expenses.

So Jean Castaing was vindicated at last. He owed his freedom to the persistence of his wife, the formidable Marie Hippolyte. And to her, also, we owe our best eyewitness account of Castaing's coin edge-marking machine and the tribulations of its perfecter.

DR. GEORGE E. EWING JR. has been an instructor of math and engineering at Eastfield College in Dallas, Texas, since 1970. "A Remembrance of Jean Castaing" stems from Ewing's study of early minting technologies.

NOTES

1. Abot de Bazinghen, *Traite des Monnoies* (Paris: Guillyn, 1764).
2. *Le Bureau du Change* or *L'Office du Change* still exists today. The word "change" here means "exchange," particularly the exchange of old, worn coins for new, freshly minted pieces. The Bureau du Change was the place where old coins (and later bills) were collected daily, brought in by clerks working for the Bureau or by merchants at the end of the day. Name and amount were marked on each bag brought in, and the next day the same amount of money was handed back to the same person. People trusted each other and no paperwork was involved. The Bureau du Change was also a safe place to deposit money overnight.

The position of clerk at the Bureau du Change was very much pursued and respected. A clerk had an assigned route along which he collected the bags of old money and delivered the new coins. In later years the exchange of money was made through the banks, as it is today.

Many times in her petition, Castaing's wife denies "having made the change," for which neither she nor Castaing and his clerks were qualified. When receiving old coins for reformation, she always gave receipts, which later could be exchanged for new coins at the Bureau du Change. According to the petition, the fact that only the Bureau was allowed to exchange money directly was very important.

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: FEB 7th

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. Mike Homza	1.	
2. Jerry Veck	2.	
3. LODGER HERSHEY	3.	
4. NEIL CONNER	4.	
5. Jim Broninger	5.	
6. Pat Coughlin	6.	
7. Chuck Erb	7.	Casting Machine Model Busts, Medals, book etc
8. ED SHIFF	8.	Civ. / War + SPORTS
9. Wayne Homren	9.	NEW BOOK: FRED REED CIVIL WAR ENCASED STAMPS
10. Larry Gribble	10.	ENCASED POSTAGE STAMP: 14 WHITE TNE HATTER
11. Glenn Kirsner	11.	
12. Jack Sartorius	12.	2 MEDALS & 1 TOKEN
13. John H. Burns	13.	
14. Lew Colburn	14.	
15. Ed Krivonoz	15.	Foreign Medals
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Minutes of the Feb. 7, 1995 meeting of WPNS as taken by M. Homza

The meeting was called to order by E. Krivoniak at 8:10.

The Jan. minutes were approved as read.

H. Colborn reports that the treasury stands at 3,243.84 of which \$750 is in the life fund.

Old business:

Larry Korchnak has been nominated to fill the term of Vice-President. There has been no other nominations. Election will be in March.

Dick Gaetano reports on another new find in encased items.

The move of meetings to the Allegheny Building were finalized. Our new meeting place will be in the conference room on the 7th floor of that building. The street address is 429 Forbes Ave. Our thanks to Jim Groninger for finding the site.

The change of the July 4 meeting was discussed. No discussion was reached.

New business:

The ANA ballots were discussed. No action was taken pending the attempt of member John Burns to get his name added to the ballot.

Wayne Homren discussed a presentation he gave of Sam Deep's program on how clubs can work better. He did this at the Long Beach show. Using the program at WPNS was discussed.

The Florida United show was discussed. The opinion was that it was one of the greatest shows held; as good as the ANA or even better.

C. Erb presented his talk on the Castaing Machine.

The motion to adjourn was made by J. Burns and seconded by R. Gaetano. It carried at 9:35.

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WELL, I AIN'T BEEN SHOT AT
YET

NEXT MEETING: FEB. 7th
PLACE: CARNEGIE GROUP, 5 PPG PLACE
TIME: GATHER AT 7, MEET AT 8

PROGRAM: THE CASTAING MACHINE
BY CHUCK ERB

Last month's meeting was one for the record books. The meeting part was over in 25 minutes and the program got almost an hour. The 17 members and two guests were so pleased that they still hung around until 10pm. Larry's talk was a real sneak job. Seems the S&L mystery was about a bridge token which the books say is Sunbury, Pa., but should really be the Sharpsburg & Lawrenceville Bridge. Just like someone named Larry to pull a fast one on us. I have no idea what the coming talk is about. Wanted to ask Chuck, but I forgot to. Personally, I am waiting for August when we get to meet the mysterious John Bums and hear his presentation on books. Just wanted to prove I really read my program guide.

SPEAKING OF WHICH: I mentioned to Wayne last month that the July meeting fell on the 4th. Personally, given my talk and personality, I thought it was a great chance for me to launch my own fireworks. I've been over-ruled. Therefore, we are open to suggestions on alternate dates. The first two Mondays are out; the first Wed. isn't great, and the second Tuesday is bad for a couple members. Any ideas out there?

VEEP NEEDED!!! Don Carlucci has had to resign his office for the balance of his term. We are open for nominations now. The election of a new Vice President will be held at the March meeting. Nominations can be made at the next meeting or interested parties can contact any of the other officers. I would nominate R. Nixon, but I vote for him in every election. This surprises you?

OTHER BUSINESS. On Dec 13, my wife's birthday, her brother died in his home in Harrisburg. The last newsletter was done at 4am while I waited to hear from the coroner, and this one is being done just before going back out there to take care of a few more things. At times like this it is hard, even for me, to be my usual witty self. So please excuse some fluctuation in quality. I loved August Geist dearly and will have hard times now and then for a while. I always liked the way he dated his checks the month after July as Augie 3rd, Augie 8th, etc. Since the month was named after him, he felt he had that right; and the bank agreed. I only wish I could figure out where he got his smart-assed attitude from. Must be from his family. At least I get to meet a whole new bar association that hasn't heard my material before.

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SPEAKING OF WHICH, Jim Groninger reports that the society, if needed, can use a meeting room in the Allegheny Building that is shared by a couple lawyers. THIS IS GOOD as February will be OUR LAST MEETING in the old location. The Allegheny Building will be the site of the March meeting and several thereafter. It is the next building just uphill from Kaufmann's. The best parking I know of is in Kaufmann's (Cherry Way) garage. And there is lots of great food handy. I like Mitchell's as well as the Common Plea. We will have to sign in with the guard at the door and I will not have the room number until next month, so read the next issue carefully. Anyone going to the wrong place in March will be subjected to some major league ribbing.

MEMORIES OF ARMOR: this month from Wayne Homren ---

We all fall into habits over time, and somewhere along the line Armor and I developed a mutual greeting that I came to look forward to each time I saw him at a monthly meeting. Regular as clockwork I would tell Armor, "It's good to see you." And sure as night follows day he would reply, "At my age, it's good to be seen."

When I get to that age, it will be my turn to use that line; and every time I do I will remember that twinkle in his eye when he said it. We miss you, Armor.

Thanks, Wayne. And I am still waiting for some others.

UNCLE MIKE'S HELPFUL HINTS To get rid of the musty smell in old books, put the book in a ziplock bag with a bar of perfumed soap. Then place the bag in a sunny spot. Not only will the musty smell be gone, but the soap smell will not remain. My favorite soaps are LEVER 2000 and IRISH SPRING. Works on cloth, leather, and other stuff. I even used it on a batch of musty mint set envelopes once.

COMING SHOWS

FEB 12 Nickel Traders Antique & Collectible Show at Castle Shannon Firehall info at 941-2338 let's show up before I am reduced to begging

South Hills and others are coming soon, but I lost my list-- check your Numismatic News

WEST PENN MEMBERS Get me a copy of your schedule, and I will copy it as an insert.

NEXT ISSUE: Clinton's core beliefs revealed in the pages of Brown & Dunn.

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I KEEP GOING AND GOING AND GOING AND GOING
TILL YOU ARE SICK OF ME TOO

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 7th
PLACE: ALLEGHENY BLDG. 7th FLOOR
TIME: READING AT 7, MEET AT 8

PROGRAM: COINAGE OF THE ROMAN CIVIL WAR
BY E. FORT

Lasts month's meeting was very good. The 15 members got to hear a great presentation on the casting machine. Seems as that wasn't a misprint, but is the machine used to put letters on edges before the steam press was invented. Named for the inventor, it was first used in France in the 1690's and was used to produce a lot of great varieties of bust halves. I learned a lot from Chuck and enjoyed the program greatly. He even had a working model with him! We not only get knowledge at WPNS, but some neat toys to play with!

ATTENDANCE is a little off and I am starting to take it personal. We were averaging 20 members and are now down to 15. It can't be because I've insulted someone; I've insulted everyone. Don't want to play favorites. When taking this post, I hoped to get attendance up to 25. Ed is running great, short meetings. I am doing my best to keep everyone informed. The speakers are doing some great work. And John has been real quiet. What else could you want? So, show up before your officers run screaming into the night. Or go to work for the post office. Or something.

NEW ROOM: As mentioned before, we are moving the meeting site. We will be in the conference room on the 7th floor of the Allegheny Building. When entering the building, sign in with the guard at the desk and take the elevators. Then put them back and get into one. Push the button marked with a 7 and enjoy the ride. When the elevator stops on 7, exit the car and turn left. Go to the far end of the hall and listen for a familiar voice. I personally scouted the room and can assure you that the lawyer vibes are not that bad. Parking is suggested to be in the Kaufmann's garage. Street parking can be a mite rough uptown. And don't forget Chinatown Inn for your eating pleasure.

IT'S A PLOT, I TELL YOU!!! Just realized that we are meeting on the 7th on the 7th floor at 7. We must have an Illuminati in our midst. I think it is Larry Bassett. Since we have to keep our eyes open for these plotters, our contest this month is: Who are the Illuminati and what have they done? Since I may miss the next meeting, phone in your answers to 322-9682. Winners will get TEN CENTS and the gratitude of the conspiracy buffs in the club.

VICE PRESIDENT. We have one nomination at this time and it is Larry Korchnak. Larry has been an active member and a benefit to the membership for years. He is a well known expert on siege

coinage and has helped the STANDARD CATALOG and other books get their facts straight. His programs have been among the best presented to the society. And we would still like to have more nominations. Boy, are we stupid. Seriously, nominations are still open until the election this meeting. Everyone has run un-opposed for so long, two candidates would be nice. Remember, Nixon started as a veep before he became a creep.

JULY: We are still trying to solve the problem of the July meeting. Prepare to come equipped with some suggestions. We really need some input on this one.

BUSY BEAVER AWARD goes to member Wayne Homren. Last month he presented Sam Deep's program on how clubs work and how they can work better at the Long Beach show. He also gave us a preview of a new work on encased postage stamps he had his fingers in. He also has been an active part of PAN/PNS. As well as helping Bubba find a new surgeon general. How he finds the time to read all the numismatic books he gets, I'll never know. Must do that at work. Our thanks to Wayne for bringing some prestige to our society.

IS MY FACE RED!!! And as a collector of czarist coins and a well known hater of those pinko commie bastids, it really hurts to admit that. I forgot to mention South Hills Coin Club last month in the coming shows section. So lots of people, including myself, missed a good little show. But, being fair, I'm going to share the blame with all of you. Please, remind me of coming shows you think the membership should be made aware of. In this role, I consider myself to be an editor. So give me something to edit. As the past 7 (there's that 7 again) months have shown, leaving everything up to me is not a good idea. What else can be said of a newsletter editor for a top numismatic organization who performs his duty with AC/DC as background music?

HOUSEKEEPING: Jerry Porter may (only may) not be here to give his talk in May (mays as well as 7s) and I was going to cover for him. However, I may not be able to make that meeting either. So I need a warm body to back up my backup of Mr. Porter. If you could cover in a pinch, please call me. Or I may have to call you. What I would call you, I won't mention here. Let's just say it isn't nice.

FUN,FUN,FUN!! Ted Shiff reported on how great the Florida United show was and how surprised he was by it. Why he was, I don't know. I told him it was bigger and better than most ANAs. If you can't trust me, who can you trust? Due to circumstances, I didn't make it. However my parents were there and enjoyed seeing Ted, Nevin, et. al. Why they travel so far to visit the Pittsburgh folk is a mystery to me. And speaking of my parental units; they went to FUN and all I got was a lousy T-shirt. But, since it was a Boggs shirt, all was forgiven. To think, you

Florida members missed a chance to meet the two persons responsible for this diarrhea of the word processor we lovingly call a newsletter.

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COMING SHOWS

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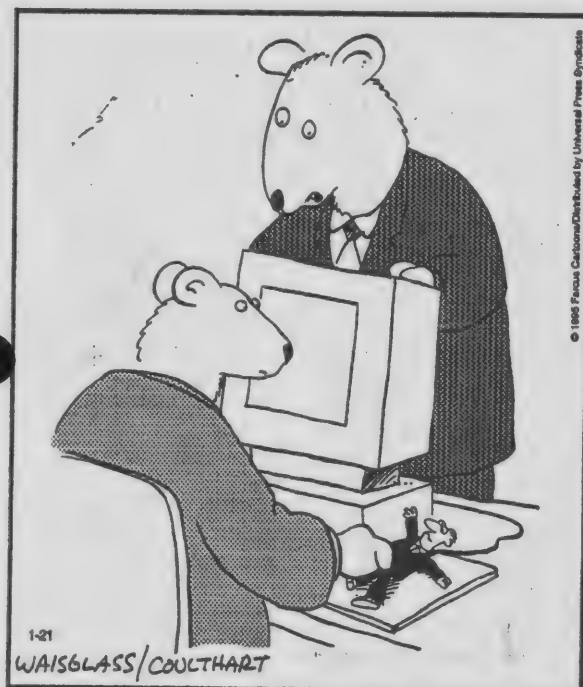
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NEXT ISSUE: Snow removal using Brown and Dunn.

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Farcus

Waisglass and Coulthart



George Washington: general, president, visionary, break dancer.

"Don't be silly, it's not a *real* human."



Washington crossing the street

**Good Help is Hard to Find: Some Notes Regarding the
Moneyers, Die-Cutters and the Production of Coinage
at the Mint of London in and after the Reign of
Coenwulf of Mercia (796-821)***

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I. Introduction:

The coinage of the first quarter of the ninth century has not attracted as much attention as that of the late eighth century which witnessed the introduction of the broad silver penny by King Offa of Mercia (757-796). One of the main reasons for this is the massive study of the early ninth century southern English coinage that was published by Blunt, Lyon and Stewartby more than thirty years ago.¹ This work was so comprehensive

* It is often said that no man is an island and this maxim was never more true in the case of a numismatic scholar. This work would not have been possible without the help of numerous people. Special thanks must go to the librarians of both the New Kensington Campus of Penn State and La Roche College who helped the author obtain copies of a number of the works cited in the footnotes. Malgorzata Mozer, Richard H. Hayes and Wayne K. Homren read earlier drafts of this work and saved the author from numerous gross errors in both fact and grammar. An earlier version of this paper was given in April 1994 at the Twenty-Ninth International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University, the author would like to thank all of the participants in the session for their helpful comments and suggestions. However, any and all errors that remain are exclusively those of the author.

¹ C.E. Blunt, C.S.S. Lyon and B.H.I.H. Stewart [now Lord Stewartby], 'The coinage of southern England, 796-840,' *BNJ* 32 (1963), pp.1-74. The following abbreviations are used: *AB* = *Annales Bertiniani*, ed. F. Grat, J. Vielliard and S. Clémencet, with introduction and notes by L. Levillain (Paris, 1964); *BAR* = *British Archaeological Reports*; *BAR-IS* = *British Archaeological Reports--International Series*; *BMA*=*British Museum Acquisitions*; *AF* = *Annales Fuldenses*, in *Monumenta Germaniae Historica: Scriptores Rerum Germanicarum in Usus Scholarum*, ed. F. Kurze (Hanover, 1891); *ASC* = *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*, ed. D. Whitelock, D.C. Douglas and S.I. Tucker (London, 1961); *Asser* = *De Rebus Gestis Ælfredi*, in *Asser's Life of King Alfred*, ed. W.H. Stevenson, with revisions by D. Whitelock (Oxford, 1959); *BMC* = C.F. Keary and H.A. Grueber, *Catalogue of English Coins in the British Museum. Anglo-Saxon Series*, 2 vols. (London, 1887-93); *BMC. Vand* = W. Wroth, *Catalogue of the Coins of the Vandals, Ostrogoths and Lombards and of the Empires of Thessalonica, Nicaea and Trebizond in the British Museum* (London, 1911); *BNJ* = *British Numismatic Journal*; *CH* = Christie's; *GE* = John Gerard auctioneer; *GL* = Glendinings; *MEC. I* = P. Grierson and M. Blackburn, *Medieval European Coinage*, vol. 1: *The Early Middle Ages* (Cambridge, 1986); *IBCH* = J.D.A. Thompson, *Inventory of British Coin Hoards A.D. 600-1500* (London, 1956); *LE* = Leigh, Sotheby & Son; *MG* = K.F. Morrison and H. Grunthal, *Carolingian Coinage* (New York, 1967); *P.* = M. Prou, *Les monnaies carolingiennes (Catalogue des monnaies françaises de la Bibliothèque Nationale)* (Paris, 1896); *R&F* = Rollin & Feuarent; *S* = P.H. Sawyer, *Anglo-Saxon Charters. An*

in its coverage that it seems to have virtually ended all inquiries into the coinage of the early ninth century for almost a generation. Likewise, it may be that Coenwulf's reign has often been perceived by modern historians and numismatists as the twilight of the Mercian hegemony and is therefore less interesting than the longer reigns of his two predecessors Æthelbald (716-757) and Offa.²

Coenwulf's coinage is the only contemporary documentary evidence for his reign that survives in fairly substantial numbers. Nevertheless, it presents many difficulties to both historians and numismatists. This is especially true with the coinage attributed to the mint at London. At the end of the eighth century more moneyers seem to have been working at London than at Canterbury [See Table I]. However, by the end of the second decade of the ninth century this situation had changed. It was Canterbury which had the larger contingent of moneyers, while London had noticeably declined both in the number of moneyers as well as in the quality of the workmanship displayed by the die-cutters. This change had far reaching consequences since Canterbury would remain the principal mint of the southern English until the reign of Alfred of Wessex (871-899).

Using the surviving numismatic, chronicle and charter evidence this paper will consider the possible reasons behind the decline of the London mint and what light this sheds upon both Coenwulf's administration and the economic conditions during the reign. It will begin with a brief overview of the history of the mint followed by a consideration of the evidence for the administration of coining activity at London during the first quarter of the ninth century and the location(s) of the mint. Finally it will examine the mint's repeated decline and rise in the ninth century. Before the reader proceeds any farther the author must warn the reader that this essay will raise more questions than it answers. Yet, these problems should be considered even if the evidence, at present, does not yield any firm conclusions.

II. Numismatic History of the London Mint:

The production of coinage in the area of London seems to have begun by the third quarter of the seventh century. This is evidenced by the gold thrymsa bearing the legend

Annotated List and Bibliography (London, 1967); *SCBI* = *Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles*; *SFAS&NC* = 'Single finds of Anglo-Saxon and Norman Coins'; *SNC* = *Spink's Numismatic Circular*; *SO* = Sotheby's; *TSAM* = D.M. Metcalf, *Thrymsas and Sceattas in the Ashmolean Museum Oxford*, 3 vols (London, 1993-4).

² The picture of Coenwulf's reign as the Mercian twilight is the product of F.M. Stenton's two classic works, 'The supremacy of the Mercian kings,' *English Historical Review* 33 (1918), pp.433-52 [reprinted in his *Preparatory to Anglo-Saxon England*, ed. D.M. Stenton (Oxford, 1970), pp.48-66] and *Anglo-Saxon England*, 3rd ed. (Oxford, 1971), pp.202-38.



England in the ninth century

AVDVARLD REGES with a diademed right facing bust on the obverse and a somewhat blundered legend reading LLONDENV around a central cross on the reverse.³ Moreover, there is another series of thrymsas without a legend and a front facing bust on the obverse but with the inscription LONDVNIV around a Latin cross on the reverse.⁴ The former coin type has been attributed to King Eadbald of Kent (616-640) but due to the garbled legend this attribution is uncertain at best.⁵

With the replacement of the gold thrymsa series by the silver sceata series in the late seventh century, London still seems to have remained a place of coin production. There is a series of sceattas with the obverse legend DE LVNDONIA or LVNDONIA, or blundered attempts, around a diademed right facing bust along with a reverse depicting a man holding two long crosses.⁶ Unfortunately, the anonymous character of the sceata series makes it impossible to be certain whether or not coin production continued at London throughout the late seventh and first half of the eighth century.

In the reign of Offa of Mercia minting activity is again evident at London. While there are no coins bearing a London mint signature from Offa's reign there are a number of pieces of numismatic evidence that suggest a great amount of production there. Foremost among these is the series of coins studied by Blunt, Lyon and Stewartby.⁷ They noted that among the moneyers active early in the reign of Coenwulf there were a number who did not strike for either the Kentish king Eadberht "Præn" (796-798) or the East Anglian ruler Eadwald (c. 796-c. 798?). Likewise, they pointed out that the coins produced by these moneyers were of a different style than those used by the moneyers active at Canterbury or in East Anglia. Their conclusion was that there must have been a mint active in Mercian territory and that the most likely site was London.

³ Ex R.C. Lockett (*GL* 6.vi.1955: 130); ex Lord Grantley (*GL* 27.i.1944: 595); ex Ponton d'Amécourt (*R&F* 9.vi.1890: 658); ex C. Robert (d.1887); found at Pas-de-Calais. This coin has the same obverse die as one in the Ashmolean Museum (Oxford) *TSAM* I.50; ex Lord Grantley (*GL* 27.i.1944); ex C.M. Lefroy (*SO* 1.xi.1895: 60); ex Crondall (Hampshire) hoard, 1828. However, the later coin has a blundered reverse legend which gives no clue as to the location where it was produced.

⁴ See for example: Ashmolean Museum (Oxford); *TSAM* I.53; ex Lord Grantley (*GL* 27.i.1944); ex C.M. Lefroy (*SO* 1.xi.1895: 60); ex Crondall (Hampshire) hoard, 1828.

⁵ C.H.V. Sutherland, *Anglo-Saxon Gold Coinage in the Light of the Crondall Hoard* (Oxford, 1948), pp.52-3.

⁶ See for example: Hunterian Museum (Glasgow); *SCBI* 2.83; ex W. Hunter (d.1783). The author is currently preparing a more detailed examination of the reverse type of this coinage.

⁷ Blunt, Lyon and Stewart (1963), pp.5-8.

In addition to this stylistic analysis, there is also the series of pennies bearing both the names of King Offa and Bishop Eadberht of London.⁸ Blunt was somewhat reluctant to accept this attribution due to the fact that in the Grately code of King Athelstan the bishop of London is not listed as having minting rights.⁹ However, conditions in the tenth century were far different from those in the late eighth and it is now accepted that Bishop Eadberht did hold minting rights during the late 780s. Building upon his colleagues' earlier conclusions about minting activity at London, Lord Stewartby has made a detailed study of the stylistic similarities between the coins of Bishop Eadberht as well as those produced by Mercian moneyers who were active both early in the reign of Coenwulf and the reign of Offa and the other moneyers active in Offa's reign. His conclusion was that a substantial number of moneyers were active at London by the mid-780s and that London certainly equalled and may even have outranked the mint at Canterbury in importance.¹⁰

III. The Administration of the Mint:

The only evidence we possess for the administration of the London mint is the surviving coinage. While it must be admitted from the beginning that this evidence is quite limited, it does provide some important information concerning mint operations.

First, as Pagan has pointed out, it is an open question whether or not we should actually use the term "mint" when we are referring to coin production at in a specific area during this period.¹¹ There are no known obverse die-links between the coins of different moneyers; this is a strong indication that they worked in separate establishments. This is a feature not inconsistent from that of the later Anglo-Saxon period. The Winton Domesday indicates that in the eleventh century the moneyers at Winchester worked in separate buildings though these were located in roughly the same area of the High Street.¹²

⁸ See for example: British Museum (London); *BMC*. i.41 (p.30); ex R. Southgate (d.1795); ex J. Browne (*GE* 2.vi.1791: 41); and British Museum (London); *BMC*. i.43 (p.31); ex Duke of Devonshire (*CH* 26.iii.1844: 10).

⁹ C.E. Blunt, 'The coinage of Offa,' in *Anglo-Saxon Coins*, ed. R.H.M. Dolley (London, 1961), pp.43-4. II Athelstan 14.2 [in *The Laws of the Earliest English Kings*, ed. F.L. Attenborough (Cambridge, 1922)] states the the archbishop of Canterbury had the profits of two moneyers, the abbot of St. Augustine's Canterbury the profits of one moneyer and the bishop of Rochester one.

¹⁰ See I. Stewart, 'The London mint and the coinage of Offa,' in *Anglo-Saxon Monetary History*, ed. M.A.S. Blackburn (Leicester, 1986), pp.27-44.

¹¹ H. Pagan, 'Coinage in southern England, 796-874,' in *Anglo-Saxon Monetary History*, ed. M.A.S. Blackburn (Leicester, 1986), p.49.

¹² M. Biddle and D.J. Keene, 'Winchester in the eleventh and twelfth centuries,' in *Winchester in the Early Middle Ages. An Edition and Discussion of the Winton Domesday*, ed. M. Biddle (Oxford, 1976), pp.397-400.

However, in the late tenth and eleventh centuries there are a number of obverse die-links between moneyers at the same mint; this suggests that while moneyers may have been employed in their own workshops, they seem to have stored their dies (or at least the obverse ones) in the same place. This does not seem to have been the case in the late eighth and early ninth centuries. This lack of die-links between moneyers consequently suggests that each man worked from his own establishment and stored his own dies wherever he chose.

Nor can one be certain how many moneyers were active at one time or if the moneyers produced coins at a consistent rate or only sporadically. The only firm evidence for the number of moneyers active at a certain period is to look at the number of moneyers who were active both at the end of the reign of one ruler and at the beginning of the reign of his successor. Table I indicates that when Offa reformed the coinage in *c.* 793 five moneyers were using London style dies. On the other hand, at the time of Offa's death and Coenwulf's accession in 796 seven moneyers seem to have been active. However, by 821 when Coenwulf died and his brother Ceolwulf succeeded to the Mercian throne only three moneyers seem to have been striking at London.

Beyond these periods of transition it is difficult to establish the number of employed moneyers at an exact period of time. Although one can determine the number of moneyers active during the various phases of Coenwulf's coinage. The shortest, and consequently most datable period is that produced at the beginning of the reign (*c.* 796-*c.* 800?). The coinage of this phase consists of the so-called 'Two-Line' and 'Tribrach' types and Blunt and his colleagues identified some ten moneyers (Ceolheard, Deala, Eama, Eanmund, Hludoman, Ibba, Pendwine (?), Wigheard, Wilhun and Winoth) using London style dies.¹³ Although since only three of these are known to have struck the later portrait series

¹³ Blunt, Lyon and Stewart (1963), pp.5-8 and also I. Stewart, 'Winoth, a new moneyer for Coenwulf,' *SNC* 96 (1988), p.147. See for example: 1. Ceolheard: British Museum (London); *BMC* i.92 (p.38); ex S. Tyssen (d.1801). 2. Deala: Ex R.P. Mack (d.1974); *SCBI* 20.579 ex D. zsg. Matthews (d.1970); ex J. Evans (d.1908); ex Delgany (Co. Wicklow) hoard, 1874; and Fitzwilliam Museum (Cambridge); ex C.E. Blunt (d.1987); ex F.J. Shand (*GL* 8.iii.1949: 292); ex A. Mann (*SO* 29.x.1917: 136); ex P.W.P. Carlyon-Britton (*SO* 17.xi.1913: 280); ex E.W. Rashleigh (*SO* 21.vi.1909: 47); ex J.D. Cuff (*SO* 8.vi.1854: 289); ex Dorking (Surrey) hoard, 1817. Eama: Fitzwilliam Museum (Cambridge); ex C.E. Blunt (d.1987); ex G.C. Drabble (*GL* 4.vii.1939: 331); ex J. Evans (d.1908); ex B. Borghesi (*Dura* 24.iv.1880: 1369). Eanmund: British Museum (London); *BMC* i.95 (p.38); ex Cotton collection. Hludoman: British Museum (London); *BMA* 102; ex J. Evans (d.1908); found *c.* 1870 and Fitzwilliam Museum (Cambridge); ex C.E. Blunt (d.1987); ex R.C. Lockett (*GL* 26.iv.1960: 3591); ex G.C. Drabble (*GL* 4.vii.1939: 813); ex Coles; ex W.M. Maish (*SO* 25.iii.1918: 6); ex A.S. Napier (d.1914); ex E.H. Evans (*SO* 30.v.1894: 7); ex H. Montagu (*SO* 7.v.1888: 10); ex W. Brice (d.1887); ex B. Borghesi (*Dura* 24.iv.1880: 1368); possibly found in Italy. Ibba: British

(from c. 800-821) it seems likely that the previous period may have been one of transition since seven of the ten 'Tribrach' moneyers had also worked under Offa and may have been at the end of their careers. Likewise, the revolts against Mercian rule in both East Anglia and Kent in the early years of Coenwulf's reign may have caused the king to concentrate coin production in London since the mints in the other two provinces were not under his control.

Coenwulf's portrait series (c. 800-821) is known to have been struck by some five moneyers (Ælhun, Ceolbeald, Ceolheard, Eanmund and Wigheard) using London style dies.¹⁴ At present, without further hoard or documentary evidence it is impossible to work out a firm chronology for either these men or the types that they struck. However, since three of them struck the earlier 'Tribrach' type and another three were active at the very end of the reign it is probable that this represented the usual number of men with the right to produce coinage at London.¹⁵ Yet, while the number of active moneyers seems to have

Museum (London); ex R.C. Lockett (*GL* 4.xi.1958: 2658); found in Shropshire. Pendwine: Ex Lord Grantley (*GL* 22.iii.1944: 852); ex J. Evans (d.1908); ex Delgany (Co. Wicklow) hoard, 1874 [the current whereabouts of this unique piece are unknown as is any photo, consequently it is no certain if this moneyer was using London style dies or not]; Wigheard: British Museum (London); *BMC* i.101 (p.39); ex Duke of Devonshire (*CH* 26.iii.1844: 25). Wilhun: Ashmolean Museum (Oxford); *SCBI* 9.17; ex T. Knight (d.1795); ex T. Barrett (d.1792) and British Museum (London); ex R.C. Lockett (*GL* 26.iv.1960: 3592); ex Miller; ex E.W. Rashleigh (*SO* 21.vi.1909: 48). Winoth: In Spink inventory (1988); acquired 1983.

¹⁴ Blunt, Lyon and Stewart (1963), pp.31-3. See for example: Ælhun: Ex Westminster School (*SO* 26.v.1976: 347); ex C.B. Scott (pres. before 1883); ex Delgany (Co. Wicklow) hoard, 1874 and British Museum (London); *BMA* 72; ex J. Evans (d.1908); ex Delgany (Co. Wicklow) hoard. Ceolbeald: Hunterian Museum (Glasgow); *SCBI* 2.343; ex W. Hunter (d.1783) and British Museum (London); *BMC* i.64 (p.34); ex Jervoise (pres. 1861). Ceolheard: British Museum (London); *BMA* 54; ex H. Montagu (*SO* 18.xi.1895: 230); ex W. Brice (d.1886); ex J.B. Bergne (d.1873); ex R.M. Murchison (bt.1866); ex T.F. Dymock (d.1858) and British Museum (London); ex R.C. Lockett (*GL* 6.vi.1955: 367); ex Lord Grantley (*GL* 22.iii.1944: 848); ex Delgany (Co. Wicklow) hoard, 1874. Eanmund: Fitzwilliam Museum (Cambridge); ex C.E. Blunt (d.1987); ex D. Mangakis. Wigheard: Hunterian Museum (Glasgow); *SCBI* 2.348; ex W. Hunter (d.1783). Blunt, Lyon and Stewart (1963), p.33 also identify a sixth moneyer, Æthelmod, known from two pieces with blundered reverse inscriptions reading ERETCDMONET. E.T. Fort, 'Two more imitations of Mercian coins,' *SNC* 98 (1990), p.231 has argued that these two coins are in fact contemporary imitations and not official products of the London mint. Consequently the moneyer Æthelmod does not seem to have existed.

¹⁵ It should also be noted that one London moneyer may have produced portrait coins at the mint of Canterbury. During the 'Tribrach' phase London style dies were used by the moneyer Deala, whose name generally appears as DIOLA on the reverse inscription on the coins. This moneyer is not known to have struck the portrait series with London style dies. On the other hand, a moneyer whose name appears as DEALLA is known for Coenwulf's portrait coinage struck at Canterbury. The two names are linguistically the

been small, they seem to have had fairly long tenure in office. This is suggested by both the number of varieties known to have been produced at the moneyers' workshops and the small number of die-links among the number of known specimens.¹⁶

However, one must also take into account the extreme rarity of London-produced coins in comparison with those produced at the other mints during Coenwulf's reign. The reader should be reminded that the rarity of London coins may simply be due to the lack of hoard evidence. Much of what we know of Coenwulf's coinage is derived from the Delgany hoard which was deposited in Ireland, an area well outside of Mercian rule, and which was particularly rich in coins struck by moneyers using Canterbury style dies.¹⁷ This hoard may thus provide some distortion of the evidence. Nevertheless, the fact that each type struck by a London moneyer is known from only one, or at most two specimens, may be an indication that there were periods in Coenwulf's reign when coins were not being produced at London.

The fact that modern scholars have been able to stylistically group the coins produced by the moneyers of this period is an indication that the moneyers at a particular location received their dies from the same source, probably from the same die-cutter. In the later Anglo-Saxon period the moneyers had to pay the king for their dies which they received from a regional source.¹⁸ The same may be the case in the earlier period but there is no documentary evidence to confirm or deny it. That moneyers at the same location received their dies from one source may simply be an indication that they found it more expedient to deal with one man.

The shortcomings of receiving dies from a single source can be seen in the coinage. Much has been made by numismatists and historians of the high quality of the workmanship exhibited in the coinage of Offa, especially during the portrait phase which lasted from *c.* 780 to *c.* 785. However, while there are a number of specimens in this series which show great die-cutting skill there are also some which suggest that quality

same (see V.J. Smart, *Sylloge of Coins of the British Isle*, vol. 28: *Cumulative Index* (London, 1981), p.26). Yet this possible connection should not be taken too strongly since the Canterbury Deala is not known to have been active in that area when Coenwulf's brother Cuthred (798-805) had control over the mint. This gap of over five years between the end of the moneying career of the London Deala and the beginning of that of the Canterbury one suggests that in this case we are dealing with two separate individuals.

¹⁶ See the corpus in Blunt, Lyon and Stewart (1963).

¹⁷ *IBCH* no.117 (pp.43-4); J. Evans, 'On a hoard of early Anglo-Saxon coins found in Ireland,' *NC³* 2 (1882), pp.61-86; H.A. Pagan and N.G. Rhodes, 'Anglo-Saxon coins in the Westminster School collection,' *BNJ* 31 (1962), pp.11-26.

¹⁸ I. Stewart, 'The English and Norman mints, *c.* 600-1158,' in *A New History of the Royal Mint*, ed. C.E. Challis (Cambridge, 1992), p.56.

control was not always upper most in the die-cutter's mind.¹⁹ This decline in quality is not a phenomenon unique to the Anglo-Saxons. If one compares the bronze folles produced at Rome for the Ostrogothic king Theodahad (534-536) with those produced for Justinian shortly after the eternal city came under his control, the drop-off in artistic quality is evident.²⁰ Closer to the period under discussion in this paper is the example of the imperial bust coinage of Charlemagne and Louis the Pious that was produced between c. 812 and c. 819.²¹ Most of those coins produced during Charlemagne's reign (between c. 812 and 814) show good workmanship, but a decline in quality is easily evidenced in the surviving specimens from the reign of Louis.²² Likewise, in Britain, when a portrait coinage was introduced in c. 800 for Coenwulf and his brother Cuthred of Kent, and at a later date (c. 805) for Archbishop Wulfred of Canterbury, the portraiture is much more stylized and obviously easier for the die-cutters to produce quickly at a fairly large scale.

This decline in artistic quality seems to have been something of which mint authorities were aware at least on occasion. Late in Coenwulf's reign the moneyers

¹⁹ Compare for example the coins of the London moneyer Dud: Ex. R.P. Mack (d.1974) [not in sylloge]; ex R.C. Lockett (*GL* 6.vi.1955: 350) and British Museum (London); *BMC* i.28 (p.29); ex S. Tyssen (d.1801); and the Canterbury moneyer Eoba for Offa's wife Cynethryth: British Museum (London); *BMC* i.60 (p.33); ex S. Tyssen (d.1801); found at Eastbourne (Sussex) and Fitzwilliam Museum (Cambridge); *MEC* I.1132=*SCBI* 1.396; ex R.C. Lockett (*GL* 6.vi.1955: 361); ex H. Montagu (*SO* 18.xi.1895: 224); ex W. Brice (d.1887); ex W. Webster (bt. 1877); found in Hampshire, c. 1877.

²⁰ For example, compare Theodahad: *BMC. Vand.* 19-24 and Justinian: *BMC. Vand.* 1-14. For the decline of die-cutter workmanship in the coinage of this period see J.P.C. Kent, 'Presidential address: Roman imperial coinage in decline,' *NC* 148 (1988), pp.iii-xiii; and E.T. Fort, 'INVICTA ROMA: the mint of Rome under Odovacar and the Ostrogoths A.D. 476-554,' *Proceedings of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society* 1 (1994), pp.19-30, esp. 29-30, reprinted without illustrations in *Clarion* 11/3 (1994), pp.19-30.

²¹ For the dating of this series see J. Lafaurie, 'Les monnaies impériales de Charlemagne,' *Comptes-rendus de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres* 1978, pp.154-72; and P. Grierson and M.A.S. Blackburn, *Medieval European Coinage*, vol. 1: *The Early Middle Ages* (Cambridge, 1986), pp.209-10, 213.

²² Compare, Charlemagne: P.972 [uncertain mint in the eastern part of Empire, incorrectly attributed to Charles the Fat] (p.136); P.981 [mint uncertain] (p.138); P.982 [mint uncertain] (p.138); P.983 [mint uncertain] (p.138); *MEC* I.748 [mint of Arles]; *MEC* I.749 [mint of Quentovic]; *MG* 105 [mint of Dorestadt] (pl.IV); *MG* 167 [mint of Lyon] (pl.VI); *MG* 198 [mint of Arles] (pl.VII) and Louis the Pious: P.43 [mint of Strasbourg] (p.7); P.65 [mint of Dorestadt] (p.63); P.444 [mint of Tours] (p.65); P.507 [mint of Orleans] (p.73); P.565 [mint of Sens] (p.81); P.712 [mint of Melle] (p.99); P.803 [mint of Toulouse] (p.111); P.856 [mint of Arles] (p.119); P.900 [mint of Pavia] (p.126); P.907 [mint of Milan] (pp.126-7); P.984 [mint uncertain] (pp.138-9).

Ælhun,²³ Ceolbeald²⁴ and Ceolheard²⁵ adopted a new style of obverse portraiture based upon fourth century Roman Imperial designs. The quality exhibited in these coins during the last years of Coenwulf's reign seems to have quickly declined in Ceolwulf I's,²⁶ this is probably why the die-cutters opted for a non-portrait type later in the reign.

While the expertise of the die-cutter(s) may have slipped at times the actual physical quality of Coenwulf's coinage seems to have largely remained the same. The analysis of the alloys used in some of the coins from this period suggests that the silver content was usually in excess of 90% and that this level was maintained throughout the reign and beyond.²⁷ Likewise, while no detailed metrological study has been undertaken regarding the coinage of the first quarter of the ninth century, Table II demonstrates that the weight of the coins produced at London seems to have fallen well within the norm of the coins produced at the other mints. These two factors suggest that while Coenwulf's government may not have been that interested in the artistic quality of the coinage, it was very careful about maintaining the metallurgical quality of the pieces and ensured that they came within the acceptable limits of silver content and weight.

²³ Fitzwilliam Museum (Cambridge); ex C.E. Blunt (d.1987); 'SFAS&NC 2,' *BNJ* 55 (1985), no.48; ex Seaby; ex R. Heen; found at Methwold (Norfolk), 1985).

²⁴ British Museum (London); *BMC* i.64 (p.34); ex Jervoise (pres. 1861).

²⁵ British Museum (London); ex R.C. Lockett (*GL* 6.vi.1955: 367); ex Lord Grantley (*GL* 22.iii.1944: 848); ex Delgany (Co. Wicklow) hoard, 1874.

²⁶ See for example the work of the moneyers Ælhun, Ceolbeald, Ceolheard: Ælhun. ex R.C. Lockett (*GL* 6.vi.1955: 381); ex J. Evans (d.1908); found at Toddington (Bedfordshire). Ceolbeald: British Museum (London); *BMA*. 104; ex J. Evans (d.1908); ex Delgany (Co. Wicklow) hoard, 1874. Ceolheard: Fitzwilliam Museum (Cambridge); ex C.E. Blunt (d.1987); ex V.J.E. Ryan (*GL* 22.i.1952: 635); ex Lord Grantley (*GL* 22.iii.1944: 855); ex J. Evans (d.1908); ex Delgany (Co. Wicklow) hoard, 1874. This decline in the quality of portraiture was not a phenomenon limited to the London mint. Crude portraits can also be found on coins produced at Rochester [Æthelmod: British Museum (London); *BMA*. 110; ex Middle Temple (London) hoard, 1893], East Anglia [Botræd: British Museum (London); *BMA*. 117; ex J. Evans (d.1908); ex H.B. Godwin; found in north Lincolnshire] and Canterbury [Sigestæf: British Museum (London); *BMA*. 114; ex J. Evans (d.1908); ex Delgany (Co. Wicklow) hoard, 1874].

²⁷ D.M. Metcalf and J.P. Northover, 'Coinage alloys from the time of Offa and Charlemagne to c. 864,' *NC* 149 (1989), pp.101-19; esp. pp.107-8. In this study the authors conducted electron-probe micro-analysis of six Coenwulf pennies, five from the mint of Canterbury and one from the mint of London. Despite the limitations of the number of specimens, the fact that they range in date from across the reign makes them a good sample for the quality of the silver content. Some years earlier, H. McKerrell and R.B.K. Stevenson, 'Some analyses of Anglo-Saxon and associated oriental silver coinage,' in *Methods of Chemical and Metallurgical Investigation of Ancient Coinage*, ed. E.T. Hall and D.M. Metcalf (London, 1972), p.205 reported that the chemical analysis of two Coenwulf pennies (by the London moneyers Dealla and Eanmund) which revealed them to be 98% and 96% silver respectively.

IV. The Location of the Mint:

Another problem that remains to be solved is the location of the moneyers' workshops. Recent work by both archaeologists and place-name specialists has indicated that during this period there were in fact two Londons.²⁸ The first, which was referred to as the *civitas* or in Old English the *Lundenburh* was located inside the walls of the old Roman town of Londinium. This appears to have been the site of London's episcopal see and was probably also a site of secular administration, although there has been very little archaeological evidence for trading activity here. The second, referred to as the *Lundenwic* was located somewhat farther up the Thames located roughly along The Strand towards Whitehall in the modern city. This second site would seem from the archaeological evidence to have been a centre of trade.

It would seem obvious that the moneyers would locate their workshops in *Lundenwic* where their services would be needed for such activity as changing Carolingian coins into Mercian. However, this may not necessarily have been the case. It has already been stated that now coins from the first quarter of the ninth century bear the London mint signature, however there is the unique piece in the name of Ecgberht of Wessex with the three line reverse legend reading LVNDONIA CIVIT[AS].²⁹ This coin and three pieces of similar style by the moneyer Rædmund, who also struck for the Mercian king Wiglaf, must date from Ecgberht's brief period of hegemony over Mercia in 829.³⁰ Since the Latin *civitas* seems to have been used only for Roman sites by the Anglo-Saxons it would seem that Ecgberht's moneyer(s) were operating in *Lundenburh* rather than *Lundenwic*.

However, it is impossible to state whether this was true earlier. Ecgberht's occupation of Mercia was brief and probably unpopular. It would have made sense for him

²⁸ M. Biddle, 'London on the Strand,' *Popular Archaeology* 6 (1984), pp.23-7; B. Hobley, 'Lundenwic and Lundenburh: two cities rediscovered,' in *The Rebirth of Towns in the West A.D. 700-1050*, ed. R. Hodges and B. Hobley (London, 1988), pp.69-82; A. Vince, 'The Aldwych: mid-Saxon London discovered,' *Current Archaeology* 8 (1984), pp. 310-12; *idem.*, 'The economic basis of Anglo-Saxon London,' in *The Rebirth of Towns in the West A.D. 700-1050*, ed. R. Hodges and B. Hobley (London, 1988), pp. 83-92; *idem.*, *Saxon London. An Archaeological Investigation* (London, 1990).

²⁹ British Museum (London); *BMA*. 323; ex Middle Temple (London) hoard, 1893.

³⁰ C.E. Blunt, 'The coinage of Ecgbeorht, king of the Wessex, 802-39,' *BNJ* 28 (1955-7), pp.472-3. The Rædmund coins for Ecgberht are: a) Fitzwilliam Museum (Cambridge); *MEC*. I.1166= *SCBI*. 1.524; no provenance; b) British Museum (London); *BMA*. 402; ex Middle Temple (London) hoard, 1893; c) Fitzwilliam Museum (Cambridge); ex C.E. Blunt (d.1987); ex R.C. Lockett (*GL* 4.xi.1958: 2690); ex Lord Grantley (*GL* 22.iii.1944: 974); found at Rochester (Kent). A example of this moneyer's coinage for Wiglaf is the one in the British Museum (London); *BMA*. 131; ex Middle Temple (London) hoard, 1893.

to locate his moneyers inside the more defensible stone wall of old Roman London where they and his other servants and officials would be better protected.

The only other possible clue to the location of the London moneyers might be the coinage bearing the name of Bishop Eadberht mentioned above. It is certainly possible that the bishop's moneyer(s), and perhaps the other moneyers based at London, had their workshops located near his minster in the old city. However, it is equally possible, and probably more likely that they would be located closer to the port where currency exchange could be more readily facilitated.

V. The Decline of the London Mint:

The one feature of the history of coin production at London which has received little attention is the apparent decline of the mint which seems to have begun in Coenwulf's reign and ended with the closure of its activities for significant periods during the ninth century. The lack of documentary evidence, along with almost no known hoards makes the relative dating of types during the first half of the ninth century difficult if not impossible. Nevertheless, if one looks at the transitional period between two reigns it is possible to get a rough idea of how many moneyers were active at one time.

At the time of Offa's reform of the coinage in *c.* 793, five moneyers were using London style dies and at the time of the king's death and Coenwulf's succession in 796 the number seems to have grown to as large as six [see Table I]. However, a quarter of a century later, in 821 at the time of Coenwulf's death and the succession of his brother Ceolwulf I, the number of moneyers using London style dies had shrunk to three [See Table I]. More importantly, by the time of Ceolwulf's deposition in 823, moneying activity at London seems to have stopped completely. It appears to have been revived briefly with Ecgbert of Wessex's occupation of Mercia in 829.

An extremely rare coinage is known for Wiglaf of Mercia (827-840) produced by three moneyers, Burgheard,³¹ Ælhun³² and Rædmund³³. Stylistically they appear to

³¹ British Museum (London); *BMA* 128; ex Middle Temple (London) hoard, 1893.

³² Three specimens are currently known: a) British Museum (London); *BMA* 129; ex Middle Temple (London) hoard, 1893; b) British Museum (London); *BMA* 130; ex Middle Temple (London) hoard, 1893; c) Ex R.P. Mack (d.1974); *SCBI* 20.598; ex A.E. Bagnall (bt. 1964); ex V.J.E. Ryan (*GL* 22.i.1952: 640); ex L.E. Bruun (*SO* 18.v.1925: 30); ex A.S. Napier (*SO* 3.viii.1916: 9); ex G.J. Bascom (*SO* 15.vi.1914: 8); ex E.W. Rashleigh (*SO* 21.vi.1909: 57); ex J.D. Cuff (*SO* 8.vi.1854: 297); ex G. Dewdney; ex Dorking (Surrey) hoard, 1817.

³³ Two specimens are known, both produced by the same pair of dies: a) British Museum (London); *BMA* 131; ex Middle Temple (London) hoard, 1893; b) Ex R.P. Mack (d.1974); *SCBI* 20.599; ex R.C. Lockett (*GL* 6.vi.1955: 389); ex Lord Grantley (*GL*

belong to the early years of his reign, but this cannot be established for certain.³⁴ Wiglaf's successor Berhtwulf (840-852) seems to have revived minting activity in Mercia to a certain extent. Nevertheless, his coins are also rare and it seems likely that they were not produced at the same scale as those of his contemporary King Æthelwulf of Wessex (839-858).³⁵ The hoard evidence strongly indicates that during the first decade of the reign of Burgred minting activity at London was virtually halted or occurred only at a very small scale.³⁶ It was not until the mid-860s that a major revival occurred at the London mint and coinage was again produced there in significant quantities.

If one compares this decline with the other southern mints at Canterbury, Rochester and East Anglia the difference is at once obvious. Through the first half of the ninth century five or six moneyers appear to have been working at Canterbury. In East Anglia, the number seems to have fluctuated a bit but the average appears to have been around four while the small Rochester mint had its lone moneyer.

The fact that this decline of London's importance as a place of minting activity has been noticed means that one must ask the further question of why did this decline occur? The lack of documentary evidence concerning London makes it impossible to suggest any firm answers. Nevertheless, a few factors should be kept in mind. Foremost among these is that coins were struck at London for specific reasons.

A number of historians and numismatists have pointed out that ancient governments did not produce coinage as an altruistic measure for the benefit of their own citizens.³⁷

22.iii.1944: 863); ex E.W. Rashleigh (*SO* 21.vi.1909: 58); ex Earl of Pembroke (*SO* 31.vii.1848: 19); ex W. Charleton (in his collection by 1695).

³⁴ Blunt, Lyon and Stewart (1963), p.34 argue that the London mint was only active between *c.* 829 and *c.* 830.

³⁵ No detailed study of Berhtwulf's coinage has yet been published. The best available treatment is J.J. North, 'The coinage of Berhtwulf of Mercia (840-852),' *SNC* 69 (1961), pp.213-15; some useful comments may also be found in S. Lyon, 'Historical Problems of Anglo-Saxon Coinage--(2) The ninth century-Offa to Alfred,' *BNJ* 37 (1968), pp.216-38, esp. pp.228-9.

³⁶ For example, the massive Dorking (Surrey) hoard [*IBCH* no.123 (pp.47-8)] is recorded to have contained only one Burgred penny as opposed to 26 of Berhtwulf of Mercia, over 150 of Æthelwulf of Wessex (839-858) and over 150 of Æthelberht of Wessex (858-865). Since the hoard is thought to have been deposited *c.* 862 after Burgred had been on the Mercian throne for ten years and given the close proximity of the hoard's burial to London, this find appears to indicate that before the mid-860s little if any coinage was struck in Burgred's name. See T. Combe, 'An account of some Anglo-Saxon pennies found at Dorking, Surrey,' *Archaeologia* 19 (1821), 109-19, this contains a better summery of the hoard than the one in Thompson which omits all of the coins of Æthelberht.

³⁷ See for example: M.H. Crawford, 'Roman imperial coin types and the formation of public opinion,' in *Studies in Numismatic Method*, ed. C.N.L. Brooke, B.H.I.H. Stewart, J.G. Pollard and T.R. Volk (Cambridge, 1983), pp.47-64 and M.F. Hendy,

Coinage in the Roman Empire was produced principally for the government to pay its own debts, chiefly to the army and the imperial bureaucracy. These conclusions have been supported by recent studies of coin circulation in the Balkan provinces and on the Rhine frontier during the fourth and fifth centuries.³⁸ The evidence of hoards and single finds strongly indicates that most of the coins in circulation in these areas were produced locally. If one combines this with the fact that in the fourth and fifth centuries most mints were located near areas where there was a strong military presence it would seem as if coinage was not produced by the imperial government to facilitate trade, but rather to pay the army and the imperial bureaucracy. Of course coinage was used in both short and long distance trade within the empire but this was just a by-product. Documentary sources dealing with affairs in late Roman North Africa and Spain (where there were no mints for much of the fourth and fifth centuries) indicate that in these areas there was a coinage shortage and that much of the local economic activity was carried out in barter.³⁹

This also seems to have been the case in the Frankish kingdoms of the eighth and ninth centuries. The large number of mints that existed in both the Merovingian and Carolingian realms suggests that coins were produced mostly for local use. Spufford has pointed out that this is demonstrated by the large hoard of some 2000 late Merovingian deniers found at Nice-Cimiez in Provence.⁴⁰ The find contained some 1471 deniers struck at Marseilles, another 142 deniers minted at other mints located in Provence, around 139 coins produced in southern France and only 118 pieces struck at mints further afield (including 53 from the mint of Paris and another 50 or so struck at either Frisian or English mints). In the next century the flow of coinage appears to have opened somewhat within the Frankish realm. The hoard deposited between 820 and 829 at Apremont, near Bourges in central France contained 736 Class II deniers of Louis the Pious (814-840); 127 of which were struck at Bourges, with a number of others from nearby mints such as Orleans (1), Sens (21), and Tours (28) the rest from some 33 other mints including those as far

'Economy and state in late Rome and early Byzantium: an introduction,' in his *The Economy, Fiscal Administration and Coinage of Byzantium* (Northampton, 1989), no. I, pp. 1-23.

³⁸ See D.G. Wigg, *Münzumlau in Nordgallien um Mitte des 4. Jahrhunderts n. Chr. Studien zu Fundmünzen der Antike*, Band 8 (Berlin, 1991) and G.L. Duncan, *Coin Circulation in the Danubian and Balkan Province of the Roman Empire A.D. 294-578* (London, 1993).

³⁹ Hendy, (1989), p. 9.

⁴⁰ P. Spufford, *Money and Its Use in Medieval Europe* (Cambridge, 1988), p. 33. For the Nice-Cimiez hoard see A. Chabouillet, *Catalogue raisonné de la collection des deniers mérovingiens des VIIe et VIIIe siècle de la trouvaille de Cimiez* (Paris, 1890) and Grierson and Blackburn (1986), pp. 142-3.

away as Dorestadt, Barcelona and Venice.⁴¹ Likewise, Metcalf's study of a number of hoards deposited in the reign of Charles the Bald (840-877) demonstrates that the bulk of each hoard consisted of coins produced in the area which it was deposited.⁴²

A similar situation can be seen in Britain during the late eighth and early ninth centuries. Throughout this period minting activity south of the Humber seems to have been confined to the south east, at London, Canterbury, Rochester, Southampton (Hamwic) and somewhere in Suffolk (possibly Ipswich). Outside of these areas no minting activity seems to have occurred before the reign of Alfred. Likewise, the evidence of the hoards and single finds indicates that coin circulation was more concentrated in the areas where the coins were produced.⁴³ Large areas of Mercia and Wessex seem to have been virtually coinless for most of this period.

It is not unlikely that one of the reasons that coinage was produced in southern Britain was trade with the continent, or more specifically the import taxes which could be collected as a result of such trade. Charters from the eighth century reveal that the kings

⁴¹ Spufford (1988), pp.44-5. For more on this hoard see F. Bompais, *Notice sur un dépôt de monnaies carolingiennes découvert en juin 1871 aux environs du Veullin, commune d'Apremont, département du Cher* (Paris, 1871).

⁴² D.M. Metcalf, 'A sketch of the currency in the time of Charles the Bald,' in *Charles the Bald: Court and Kingdom*, ed. M. Gibson and J. Nelson, *BAR-IS* (1981), pp.53-84. This work contains a number of important observations but it must be used with some caution since a number of Metcalf's ideas are based upon his highly controversial "estimation" of the number of coins produced during Charles' reign and his theory that the chief cause of monetary circulation was due to trade. In the 1960s a scholarly debate on the size of the early mediaeval coinages produced in Britain was held by Metcalf and Grierson: D.M. Metcalf, 'Offa's pence reconsidered,' *Cunobelin* 9 (1963), pp.37-52; P. Grierson, 'Mint output in the time of Offa,' *SNC* 71 (1963), pp.114-15; D.M. Metcalf, 'English monetary history in the time of Offa: a reply,' *SNC* 71 (1963), pp.165-7; P. Grierson, 'Some aspects of the coinage of Offa,' *SNC* 71 (1963), pp.223-5; D.M. Metcalf, 'How large was the Anglo-Saxon currency,' *Economic History Review*² 18 (1965), pp.475-82; P. Grierson, 'The volume of Anglo-Saxon coinage,' *Economic History Review*² 20 (1967), pp.153-60; D.M. Metcalf, 'The prosperity of western Europe in the eighth and ninth centuries,' *Economic History Review*² 20 (1967), pp.344-57. In the end while Metcalf did modify some of his estimates considerably downwards both men agreed to disagree; though Metcalf's estimates have yet to receive wide acceptance among the scholarly community. More recent criticism of the various methods employed by Metcalf and others may be found in T.V. Buttrey, 'Calculating ancient coin production: facts and fantasies,' *NC* 153 (1993), pp.335-51 and *Ibid.*, 'Calculating ancient coin production II: why it cannot be done,' *NC* 154 (1994), pp.341-52.

⁴³ See D. Hill, *An Atlas of Anglo-Saxon England* (London, 1981), p.123 no.206 for a distribution map of the find spots of Offa's coinage. A full listing of all known single finds of late eighth and ninth century coins in Britain is being compiled by J. Bonser, the author wishes to thank him for a copy of the preliminary manuscript. Since 1984 each volume of the *BNJ* has contained a listing of all the reported single finds of Anglo-Saxon and other mediaeval coins discovered that year.

collected tolls from the ships at southern ports and could grant these privileges to other magnates either secular or ecclesiastical.⁴⁴ Since these ports would have mostly dealt with trade from the northern ports of the continent it is likely that the merchants and sailors on them (whether English or not) had Carolingian coinage on their persons. These people would need to pay the tolls due and coinage was an obvious expedient means. Moreover, the fact that these coins would have to be turned into the local currency would mean additional revenue to the king from the charges collected from the change of coinage and the minting charges.⁴⁵ Nevertheless, it must be emphasized that the collection of tolls and other taxes was not the only reason why the Mercian kings had coins struck at London, yet the location of this mint and the others in the south eastern portion of the island would indicate that it may well have been a primary purpose.

It is possible therefore that the decline of the London mint could be linked both to Mercia's decline as a British power after the death of Coenwulf and to a consequent decline in the trade at London. While this is certainly probable, there is neither archaeological nor documentary evidence to confirm or deny this. Some scholars have suggested that the Viking raid on London in 850 may have devastated the town to such an extent that the mint was shut until the town and trade had recovered in the mid-860s.⁴⁶ This may have been the case with the small West Saxon mint at Hamwic (modern Southampton) which was pillaged in 840.⁴⁷ At first this would seem to support a possible argument, but

⁴⁴ King Æthelbald of Mercia: *S.* 86; *S.* 88 (734) with a confirmation (*c.* 845) by King Berhtwulf of Mercia; *S.* 91 (748); *S.* 98 (743x745); *S.* 103a (716-745); *S.* 1788 (716x745). King Offa of Mercia: *S.* 143 (759x764). King Eadberht II of Kent: *S.* 29 (763x764); *S.* 1612 (761x764). See also S. Kelly, 'Trading privileges from eighth-century England,' *Early Medieval Europe* 1 (1992), pp.3-28.

⁴⁵ This of course assumes that the king did collect something from the charge of striking coins. There is no documentary evidence which either confirms or denies this before the eleventh century that any Anglo-Saxon ruler benefited from the conversion of either foreign coin or bullion silver to English pence. A law code of the Carolingian ruler Pepin the Short (752-768) dated 755 states that for every 22 deniers (*solidi*) produced the moneyer was to receive one and the king one. [The text may be found in *Capitularia Regnum Francorum (Monumenta Germaniae Historica: Leges II)*, ed. A. Boretius and V. Krause, vol. 1 (Hanover, 1883), p.32.] A similar situation may have existed in Britain at this period but at present there is no way to be certain.

⁴⁶ Pagan (1986), p.57.

⁴⁷ ASC.s.a.840 records Ealdorman Wulfheard's successful battle against the crews of some 33 Viking ships at Southampton. Blunt (1955-7), p.475 was the first to suggest that the Viking raid of this year affected the production at this mint. However, Blunt believed the production site to be Winchester which was an important administrative centre in the reign of Alfred (871-899) and the site of an episcopal see since the seventh century. Several years later, R.H.M. Dolley, 'The location of the pre-Ælfredian mint(s) of Wessex,' *Proceedings of the Hampshire Field Club* 27 (1970), pp.57-64 argued that Southampton's importance as both an administrative and trading centre in the first half of the ninth century

London was occupied by Viking raiders again in 872 and 886⁴⁸ and Canterbury was sacked in both 851 and 893⁴⁹ and yet the production of neither mint seems to have been adversely affected. Likewise the Carolingian trading port of Dorestad was raided by the Vikings in 834, 835, 836, 837, 847, 857 and 863⁵⁰ and its decline did not occur until after the 840s and may well have been linked to other causes.⁵¹

These factors would certainly suggest that the decline of London as a centre of coin production was linked to factors other than the Vikings. Thus far, the archaeological work at London has not suggested a decline in the town's importance as a trading port during the mid-ninth century. Though, it must be admitted that this work is only now beginning and that future excavations may change this picture. It seems more likely that the closing of the London mint should be linked to the administrative needs of both the Mercian kings and their officials.

The evidence of hoards and single finds has clearly demonstrated that while the rulers of the southern English kingdoms made great efforts to keep out the coinage produced in the Carolingian states and in the kingdom of Northumbria they made little, if any, effort to prevent each other's coinage from circulating in the south eastern part of the island.⁵² Thus, for example, in the Dorking (Surrey)⁵³ and Trewhiddle (Cornwall)⁵⁴ hoards which were deposited in West Saxon territory one finds coins bearing the names of East Anglian and Mercian kings along with those of Wessex. Likewise there are numerous instances of Mercian coins being found in Wessex and visa versa.⁵⁵ This is a strong

made it the most likely location for the mint. Since then, D.M. Metcalf, "The coins," in *The Coins and Pottery from Hamwic*, ed. P. Andrews (Southampton, 1988), pp.18-19 and 28-36 has convincingly attributed the Series H of the sceat coinage to Hamwic and thus argued for minting activity at the site in the first half of the eighth century and possibly later. In the same work Metcalf also pointed out that there is a decline in the number of single finds of coin dating after the early 840s found in the Hamwic area (p.22-3).

⁴⁸ *ASC. s.a.* 872 and 886.

⁴⁹ *ASC. s.a.* 851, 893; Asser c.4.

⁵⁰ *AB.s.a.* 834, 834, 836, 837, 846, 857 and 863; *AF.s.a.* 847.

⁵¹ S. Coupland, 'Dorestad in the ninth century: the numismatic evidence,' *Jaarboek voor Munt- en Penningkunde* 75 (1988), pp.5-26.

⁵² For the lack of circulation of Carolingian coins with the southern Anglo-Saxon kingdoms see R.H.M. Dolley and K.F. Morrison, 'Finds of Carolingian coins from Great Britain and Ireland,' *BNJ* 32 (1963), pp.75-87. For the lack of circulation of Northumbrian coins outside of that kingdom see D.M. Metcalf, 'A topographical commentary on the coin finds from ninth-century Northumbria (c.780-c.870)' in *Coinage in Ninth-Century Northumbria*, ed. D.M. Metcalf, *BAR* 180 (1987), pp. 361-82.

⁵³ Combe (1821).

⁵⁴ *IBCH* no.362 (pp.137-8); see also D.M. Wilson and C.E. Blunt, 'The Trewhiddle hoard,' *Archaeologia* 48 (1961), pp.75-122.

⁵⁵ See above, n.43.

indication that the coinage struck in one southern kingdom was acceptable as payment in another, though whether this is due to custom (a legacy of King Offa?), official agreement(s) or the inability of these early states to prevent the coins freely moving across their respective frontiers is unknown.

By the end of Coenwulf's reign there were three mints in the south eastern part of the island operating in close proximity to one another: London, Canterbury and Rochester. One must wonder if this many mints near the mouth of the Thames may have been considered to be more than was actually needed. It may well be that either Ceolwulf I or Beornwulf ended production there because they felt that the coins produced at Canterbury and Rochester would suit the needs of the Thames valley. Even the loss of Kent in 826 would not necessarily have meant that the Mercian government was deprived of the use of coinage since the single find evidence demonstrates that West Saxon and East Anglian coins circulated within the kingdom. Thus it may well be that the London mint was closed for much of the mid-ninth century simply because there was no need for it to be open.

TABLE I
The Moneyers at the English Mints, c.793-c.826

793	796	821	823	826
London:				
Beagheard	Ceolheard	Ælhun		
Ceolheard	Deala	Ceolbeald		
Ealhmund	Eama	Ceolheard		
Ibba	Hludoman			
Winnoth	Ibba			
	Winnoth			
	Wilhun			
Canterbury:				
Æthelnoth	Æthelmod	Oba	Deormod	Deala
Babba	Æthelnoth	Sæbeorht	Oba	Deormod
Eoba	Babba	Sigestæf	Sigestæf	Lunning
Osmod	Eoba*	Tidbeorht	Swefheard†	Swefheard†
		Werheard	Tidbeorht	Tidbeorht
			Wilnoth	Werheard
East Anglia:				
Lul	Eadnoth	Botræd	Eacga	Eadgar
Wihtræd	Lul	Herebeorht	Eadgar	Eadnoth
	Wihtræd	Wihtræd	Eadnoth	Monn
		Woddel	Monn	
			Werbeald	
Rochester:				
		Dunun	Dunun	Dunun
		Ealhstan		

* At present, no coins are known to have been produced by this moneyer's workshop for King Eadberht "Præn" of Kent (796-798). However, since he is known to have produced King Offa's last type and the earliest coinage of King Coenwulf after his rule was restored in Kent in 798 it is presumed that he was active during Eadberht's reign. The extreme rarity of Eadberht's coinage may be a reason for there being no known examples in Eoba's name.

† This moneyer produced coins for both the king of Mercia as well as the archbishop of Canterbury.

TABLE II
The Metrology of the Coins of Coenwulf of Mercia

ALL MINTS COMBINED:

.91g.:
 1.01g.: XX
 1.11g.: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 1.21g.: XX
 1.31g.: XX
 1.41g.: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 1.51g.:

MINT OF CANTERBURY:

.91g.:
 1.01g.: XX
 1.11g.: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 1.21g.: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 1.31g.: XX
 1.41g.: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 1.51g.:

MINT OF EAST ANGLIA:

.91g.:
 1.01g.:
 1.11g.: XXXXX
 1.21g.: XXXXXXXXXX
 1.31g.: XXXX
 1.41g.: XXXXXXXXXX
 1.51g.:

MINT OF LONDON:

.91g.:
 1.01g.:
 1.11g.: XXX
 1.21g.: XXXXX
 1.31g.: XXXXXXXXXX
 1.41g.: XXXXXXXXXX
 1.51g.:

MINT OF ROCHESTER:

.91g.:
 1.01g.:
 1.11g.: X
 1.21g.: XXXXX
 1.31g.: XX
 1.41g.: XXX
 1.51g.:

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The S & L Mystery. by Larry Dziubek

PROLOGUE

The first mention of the S & L token was in the "Check List of U.S. Transportation Tokens" by Bernard Morgenthau in 1944. The listing was as follows:

SUNBURY, PA. S & L Bridge 2 / Blank [later it was listed as 23mm Brass]

My first introduction to this token was on 7-27-1979 when Ray Byrne paid \$ 265.00 for an example that was donated to the club auction by a dealer-member who acquired it at his local coin shop. Ray told me personally that the reason he was so keen to get this token was because he was sure it was really a Pittsburgh token; and he thought he could prove it was from the Sharpsburg bridge, which was just a couple miles from where he lived. Ray's health deteriorated and he never was able to prove his theory before he passed away.

Several years later I attempted to report this to the A. V. A. and merely caused the listing of another variety. This was based on the report that my piece was 26 mm and had the name of the maker struck on the reverse. The maker was JAMES BOWN & SON / PITTSBURGH, PA. Mr. Bown was a gunsmith in Pittsburgh from 1848 where he and 25 employees made 4,000 rifles per year at the Enterprise Gun Works. From 1875 to 1890 he operated as James Bown & Son where they also made tokens, watch checks, and tool checks as an aside to guns, and continued until about 1885.

Act 27 of the 1837-38 Pa. Legislature granted Incorporation papers to the SHARPSBURG & LAWRENCEVILLE BRIDGE CO., and on March 13, 1838 the papers were signed. 1200 shares of stock at \$50.00 per share were to be sold and the bridge was to be opened within five years. In the documents the foot passenger fee was to be 2 cents ; a wagon with two horses was 15 cents; plus funerals, military, school children, and churchgoers would pass free. The north end of said bridge shall connect to the Pittsburgh & Butler Turnpike Road.

1st Bridge 1856-1864

In the Standard History of Pittsburgh, (1898) Erasmus Wilson wrote: " The Sharpsburg Bridge project, which had languished so long , was put in operation in 1855, and on 9-27-1856 , the bridge was thrown open to the public. Its construction at this time was due to the Lawrenceville and Sharpsburg Plank Road Co." This Road Company was incorporated on 4-14-1851. One would travel 5.4 miles from the point, through Lawrenceville, to arrive at the bridge, and turn North across the Allegheny and on toward Butler. This bridge was destroyed in 1864 by a huge fire, but was rebuilt the following year.

2nd Bridge 1865-1870

The second Sharpsburg Bridge lasted for five years. On 6-28-1870 lightening struck the Eclipse Oil Works which was located on the north end of the structure. 23,000 barrels of oil and 50 tons of paraffine wax were ignited and this resulted in much area damage, a few deaths, and the destruction of the bridge. There was over a \$50,000.00 loss, but the bridge was insured and was rebuilt in 1871.

3rd Bridge 1871-1911

It is not known how this bridge met its demise, but it was replaced by a new structure in 1911

4th Bridge 1911-1962

A new bridge of steel through the deck trusses opened to traffic in 1911. The flooring was of wooden ties laid on steel stringers. There was a 21 foot wide roadway, and two 7 foot wide sidewalks, standing over three piers. This bridge carried trolleys and streetcars, and in later years many trucks. This toll bridge was purchased by Allegheny County for \$324,923.80 and made free to the public on June 12, 1912. Nearly all bridges in the county were free by this time.

5th Bridge 1961-----

The new steel and concrete bridge was opened on 11-26-1961 and was named for Robert Fleming who served this area as an elected state official for many years. The old structure was razed in 1962

NEW DISCOVERY OF 15c TOKEN

A rubbing of a 15c token from the S & L Bridge is shown at the end of this article. This, perhaps unique, token was located a block from the Allegheny City, PA. Market House where it was probably lost by a farmer who brought a wagon load of produce to the market. The letter punches are exactly the same as those on the 2c token, but no maker name is on the reverse. The brass piece is 30 X 24mm in size and holed for hanging or stringing.

PENNSYLVANIA TAX LAWS OF INTEREST

While looking for evidence in state documents I discovered two tax laws that shed light on the existence of many transportation token issuing corporations. The first of these was a tax on Capital Stock. Beginning on 6-11-1840 all corporations must pay 1/2 mill on every dollar of dividends paid out to stockholders. In 1844 it was changed to 3 mills on the value of outstanding stock.

The second tax was one of 8 mills on the gross receipts of transportation companies payable to the Auditor General since 1866. Bridges, Ferrys, Turnpikes, and Street Railways all paid these taxes to the state and records were published in the Annual Reports of the Sect. of Internal Affairs and/or the Auditor General. For example, the following taxes were paid to the State by the Sharpsburg & Lawrenceville Bridge Co. which shows continual operation.

PA. TAX ON CORPORATE STOCK for S & L BRIDGE CO.

1875	\$ 375.25	1877	\$ 474.00	1878	\$ 551.44
1879	474.00	1880	553.00	1881	592.50
1882	237.00	1883	375.22	1884	454.25
1885	474.00	1886	592.50	1887	553.00
1888	474.00	1889	513.50	1890	434.50
1891	474.00	1892	474.00	1893	-----
1894	711.00	1895	686.50	1896	671.50
1897	632.00	1898	850.00	1899	-----
1900	850.00	1901	850.00	1902	717.58
1903	482.50	1904	482.50	1905	482.50
1906	600.00	1907	525.00	1908	575.00
1909	575.00	1910	575.00	1911	575.00

ITEMS OF INTEREST

2c token



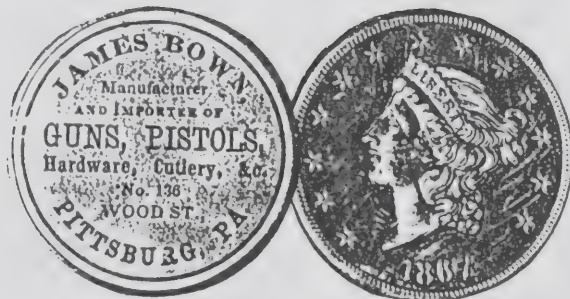
15c token





Ticket



Shellcard



Stock Certificate

No. <u>25</u>			<u>4</u> Shares.
LAWRENCEVILLE AND SHARPSBURGH PLANK ROAD COMPANY.			
<p>This is to Certify, That <u>Archibald Sully</u> is entitled to <u>Four (Say 4)</u> Shares in the Capital Stock of the LAWRENCEVILLE AND SHARPSBURGH PLANK ROAD CO, in which the whole amount, (Twenty-five Dollars per Share), has been paid, transferable only on the books of said Company, by <u>himself</u> or <u>his Attorney</u>, on surrender of this Certificate.</p> <p>In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto affixed our signatures, and the seal of the said Corporation, this <u>Eighth day of October</u> 18<u>52</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>James Blakely</u> President. <u>Geo. E. Hughes</u> Treasurer.</p>			

BRIDGES AND TURNPIKES—Continued.

Name of Corporation.	Tax on capital stock.	Tax on loans.	Tax on gross receipts.	Tax on gross premiums.	Bonus.	Interest and penalty.	Total receipts.
Hulmeville Turnpike,	12 00						12 00
Jacks Run Bridge Co.,	350 00	323 00					673 00
Johnstown, Indiana and Westmoreland Turnpike,	150 00					15 00	165 00
Johnstown and Scalp Level Turnpike,	68 25						68 25
Kingston and Dallas Turnpike,	62 50						62 50
Laceyville Bridge,	20 00						20 00
Lahaska and New Hope Turnpike,	30 00						30 00
Lancaster, Elizabethtown and Middletown Turnpike,	258 35						258 35
Lancaster and Ephrata Turnpike,	80 50						80 50
Lancaster and Fruitville Turnpike,	86 00						86 00
Lancaster and Lititz Turnpike,	302 40						302 40
Lancaster and Marietta Turnpike Road Co.,	300 00						300 00
Lancaster and New Danville Turnpike,	168 25						168 25
Lancaster and Susquehanna Turnpike,	225 00						225 00
Lancaster and Williamstown Turnpike,	162 50						162 50
Lansdale and Gwynedd Square Turnpike,	12 30						12 30
Laurel Run Turnpike,	2 00						2 00
Lehigh Bridge,	55 60	60 80					116 40
Lehigh Water Gap Bridge,	20 00						20 00
Lewisburg Bridge,	1,050 00						1,050 00
Lewisville and Prospectville Turnpike Road,	24 00						24 00
Liberty Bridge,	1 00						1 00
Limekiln Turnpike Road,	20 05						20 05
Lititz and Lexington Turnpike,	69 80						69 80
Lititz and Rothsville Turnpike,	42 00						42 00
Little Equinunk Bridge,	20 00						20 00
Lordville and Equinunk Bridge,	22 00						22 00
Lumberville Delaware Bridge,	39 38						39 38
Manheim and Lancaster Turnpike,	191 80						191 80
Manheim and Lititz Turnpike,	54 40						54 40
Manheim and Old Line,	32 00						32 00
Manheim and Penn Township Turnpike,	19 80						19 80
Manheim and Sporting Hill Turnpike,	70 00						70 00
Manor Turnpike Road,	318 50						318 50
Marietta and Maytown Turnpike,	62 50						62 50
Marietta and Mt. Joy Turnpike,	60 85						60 85
Maytown and Elizabethtown Turnpike,	12 00						12 00
Mehoopany Bridge,	40 00	30 40					70 40
Middletown and Harrisburg Turnpike Road,	10 00						10 00
Milanville Bridge,	20 00	7 70					27 70
Millford-Delaware Bridge,	75 00						75 00
Millford and Richland Turnpike,	21 37						21 37
Millheim Turnpike Road,	14 74	23 94					38 68
Mount Pleasant and Donegal Turnpike Road,	50 20						50 20
Moxham and Ferndale Bridge,	50 00						50 00
McKeesport and Duquesne Bridge,	180 00	475 00					655 00
McKeesport and Port Vue Bridge,							
McKeesport and Youghiogheny Bridge,	225 00	19 00			316 67		316 67
McSherrystown and Hanover Turnpike,	86 25						86 25
National Bridge Company,	25 00						25 00
Newbury Bridge Company,	978 35						978 35
New Holland Turnpike Road,	150 35						150 35
New Kensington Bridge,	35 00	364 80					399 80
New Street Bridge (Bethlehem),	378 90						378 90
Northern Liberties Bridge,	1,065 00						1,065 00
North Side Bridge,	390 00	509 20					899 20
Oley Turnpike Road,	122 50						122 50
Overgrade Bridge,	154 17	342 06					496 23
Paddy's Run Bridge,	250 00						250 00
Pattonville and Woodbury Turnpike,	26 25						26 25
Penllyn and Blue Bell Turnpike,	29 70	9 90					39 60
People's Bridge (Harrisburg),	1,100 00						1,100 00
Philadelphia, Bala and Bryn Mawr Turnpike,	121 13						121 13
Philadelphia and West Chester Turnpike Road,	289 50						289 50
Pine Creek and Wexford Turnpike Plank Road,	31 25						31 25
Pittsburg and Allegheny Bridge Company,	1,550 00	805 60					2,355 60
Pittston Ferry Bridge,	267 50						267 50
Plymouth Bridge,	12 50	452 20					464 70
Plymouth and Upper Dublin Turnpike,	4 36	66 88					71 24
Point Pleasant Delaware Bridge,	360 00						360 00
Port Hope and Abington Turnpike,	60 00						60 00
Quakertown and Sellersville Turnpike Road,	15 00						15 00
Quakertown and Spinnerstown Turnpike Road,	5 00						5 00
Reedsville and Petersburg Turnpike,	2 50						2 50
Reidsville Delaware Bridge,	72 00						72 00
Richlandtown Turnpike Road,	25 00				33 33		58 33
Roaring Brook Turnpike,	42 35						42 35
Rochester Bridge,	5 00						5 00
Sharpsburg and Lawrenceville Bridge,	525 00						525 00

Revenues of the Commonwealth. Receipts from Corporations—Continued

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Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Meeting Date: Jan 2 1995

Member Name	Exhibits
Michael Komza	
John H. Burns	John W. Haseltine 65th sale Mar 1, 2, 1883 original w PMS Library " 38th sale July 29, 30 1879 A.C. Gies copy
Jerry R. Teack	
Pat Aughavin	
Charles S. Erb	
Ellen Kaminsky	
Neil Connor	
Larry Grubbe	S&L Bridge Tokens
Richard Grady	
Rodger Hershman	
Jim Groninger	
E. Tomlinson Fort	BOOKS
Terry Porter	Irish "Sun" Money
D. Gaetano	
Guest Name	Exhibits
Charles Culliton	Reprints of Early Communion Token Books
Corleen Chesonis	
Harry Colborn	
Ed Krivonoz	

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Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Meeting Date: _____

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Minutes of the Jan. 3 meeting of the WPNS as taken by M. Homza.

The meeting was called to order by E. Krivoniak at 8:10.

The minutes of the Dec. meeting were approved as read.

H. Colborn reports that the treasury stands at \$3,187.28 of which \$750 is in the life fund.

Old business:

Jim Groninger reports that there is a meeting room in the Allegheny Building that the society could use for meetings if necessary. This gives a back-up to our current site. It is smaller than the room we now use, but larger than the other Carnegie Group meeting rooms. It also would be at no charge to the society.

Tom Fort reports that the ad for the Journal will appear in a coming issue of the CLARION. It was approved some time ago, but was shelved until now. In a related report, treasurer Colborn reports that we have only recieved about \$200 of the \$500 invested by the society in the Journal.

New business:

As the July meeting falls on the 4th, the society is open to suggestions as towards another date.

Vice-President Don Carlucci has reported to the society that while remaining a member, he will be unable to complete his term of office. Nominations were then declared open and a vote on a new VP will be held at the March meeting. At this time, no names were proposed.

L. Dziubek presented his talk on the S & L Bridge token.

The motion to adjourn was made by R. Hershey and seconded by J. Burns. It carried at 10:00.

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

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THE NEW YORK TIMES
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NEXT MEETING: JAN. 3
PLACE: Carnegie Group Offices, 5 PPG
TIME: Milling at 7, meet at 8

PROGRAM: The S&L mystery presented
by Larry Dziubek

Last month's meeting was a good one. We had very little meeting, lots of program, and still got out around 9:35. Rich's talk on the Society of Medallists was very good and the pieces he brought along as illustrations were wonderful. I have to try to talk him out of the fly-fishing one some day soon.

DANGER, WILL ROBINSON, DANGER!!! We may have a problem with our meeting room in the near future. CG is going to have to make it into offices. We may be able to use one of the smaller rooms, but as anyone who was there for Korchnak's program can tell you, those spaces were tight with 20 people, let alone 25 or more. If you have any ideas or input, please call one of the officers. Or even better, show up in person. We miss you.

I WIN AGAIN!!! No-one got the quiz from last month. Burns was so shattered at failing that he stayed home and hasn't talked to any of us since. So here is the answer:
In broad terms, the Alamo had lots of survivors. Three women, two children, one slave, half the Mexicans in the known world as well as all the villagers in the pueblo. But none of those were the answer. When Santa Anna's troops finished their final assault, they took seven of the defenders prisoner. Among them was the famous Davey Crockett who is on the most medals. The Texicans, however, wrote history the American way and lied through their teeth saying all died at their posts. The seven didn't die then but the next day (or later) when they were executed by sabre. As they were tied, you could say they were cut down like dogs. But that is hardly heroic.
The best source on the Alamo is Lieutenant Colonel Jose Enrique de la Pena. Critical of both sides and disliked by all involved, most researchers consider him the most accurate.

I need more memories of Armor from the rest of you. Please try to help.

For those at the last meeting, I have a secret message. When Ted peeled the coat off the wall, it was for \$105; one of the locals did it. Now, don't you absent ones feel left out?

Charles "Skip" Culleiton was at the last meeting to report that he was close to finishing the part of the Allegheny Project he has been working on. He also is going to try to make meetings

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: Dec, 1994

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. <u>Mike Homza</u>	1.	<u>Medalist Medal</u>
2. <u>Terry Porter</u>	2.	<u>THURKAP York Token Set +</u>
3. <u>HARRY Colborn</u>	3.	
4. <u>Garry Gribel</u>	4.	
5. <u>Lu Bahots</u>	5.	<u>SILVER + BRASSER CARMICHAEL HERO MALTA</u>
6. <u>Wayne Homren</u>	6.	<u>DICKENSON - CAMPBELL + STORER BOOKS</u>
7. <u>Elkashan</u>	7.	<u>Books for Champa sale</u>
8. <u>Jim Brooking</u>	8. <u>Corleen Chesons</u>	<u>1. POTTER / Rhode Island</u>
9. <u>Ed Shift</u>	9. <u>Charles Culleton</u>	<u>2. Antik-Kesse / Deluxe Edition</u>
10. <u>Richard Crosby</u>	10.	<u>3. JAMES ADLER catalog</u>
11. <u>Charles N. Evb</u>	11.	<u>Society of Medalists</u>
12. <u>Edlean Kaminsky</u>	12.	<u>Set Vatican Coins</u>
13. <u>Jerry Weeck</u>	13.	<u>A.C. GIES Auction Catalog</u>
14. <u>Dick Gaetano</u>	14.	<u>Ancient coins</u>
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MISC. WORLD COINS

HERO MALTA

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1. POTTER / Rhode Island
2. Antik-Kesse / Deluxe Edition
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Society of Medalists

Set Vatican Coins
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Auction Catalog

Ancient coins

Minutes of the Dec. 6 meeting of WPNS as taken by M. Homza.

In the absence of the president, due to a dental emergency, the meeting was called to order by past president at 8:10.

The minutes of Oct. were read and approved.

Jerry Porter

Treasurer H. Colborn reports a current balance of \$3,178.23 of which \$750 is in the life fund, the additional life member being Larry Bassett. Due to a confusion, we were charged 104.50 for deposit slips. Mr. Colborn is going to try to have that reduced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Friend of the society Charles Culleiton reports that his section of the Allegheny project dealing with bank notes is near completion.

Mr. Culleiton also expressed interest in joining the society and will be attending as a guest.

OLD BUSINESS

The membership was reminded of the PAN-PNS Christmas party and encouraged to attend.

Many possitive things were said about the Social and the speaker we had this year. All agreed it was one of the best in recent memory.

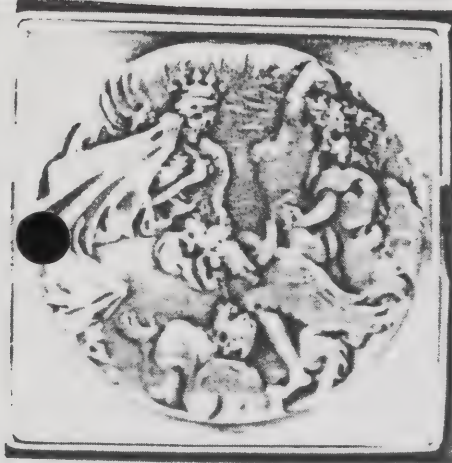
Our Journal is being entered in an ANA competition. We hope it does well. With the work E. Fort did, all feel it has a chance of really highlighting the Society.

NEW BUSINESS

Wayne Homren reports that we may loose use of the meeting room we are now using for an undetermined length of time. It is possible that we may be able to use a smaller office of the Carnegie Group. If we wish to consider other choices, discussion should start now.

THE SPEAKER was Richard Crosby who gave a very good program on the Society of Medallists and their medals.

THE MOTION to adjourn was made at 9:35 by C. Erb and seconded by R. Gaetano. The motion carried.



PRESENTED TO THE

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DECEMBER 6, 1994

BY

RICHARD J. CROSBY

PART #1

THE SOCIETY OF MEDALISTS

1930 - 1959



Beautiful Fine Art Medals To Treasure For A Lifetime

THE SOCIETY OF MEDALISTS

*T*he Society of Medalists is the nation's oldest nonprofit art medal collector's organization. For nearly half a century, the Society has issued twice each year to its members beautiful sculpture in the medallic medium, each piece the original work of a distinguished American artist. As you will observe on the illustrated reverse panel of this catalog, the sculptors commissioned by the Society over the years include the foremost creative contributors to 20th century American art. In many cases, the work of these men and women is either no longer available or prohibitively expensive for most collectors.

*T*he primary purpose of the Society is to encourage the medallic work of superior sculptors and to make their work available to Society members. Membership is limited to 2,500 Bronze Members and 500 Silver Members. Each member receives, at no cost beyond payment of annual dues, the two new fine art medals struck each year in April and October along with display stands and descriptive brochures. In addition, the members receive a copy of the Society's annual *News Bulletin* in late summer.

*T*he option to purchase medals from the Society's archives, in any assortment, can only be offered to members. Society medals are not sold through art shops, dealers or museums . . . although major museums across the country have Society memberships and many have the entire Society collection on display.

News Bulletin

THE SOCIETY OF MEDALISTS

1975

The purpose of the Society is to develop and encourage appreciation of medallic sculpture created by talented American artists and to make this form of the fine arts available to the collector at reasonable cost. Founded in 1930, the Society is a non-profit organization. As a member of the Society you will receive two bronze medals annually, reproduced from models by outstanding American sculptors. You have the opportunity to acquire gradually, or at once, the magnificent collection of medallic sculpture pictured on the reverse side of this brochure and not available from any other source. You can be assured that you will be helping to foster the art of sculpture in America as well as enjoying the aesthetic pleasure that comes from the possession of beautiful works of art.

Medallic sculptures are issued in May and November of each year and a complimentary, informative *NEWS BULLETIN* is mailed in February. The medallic issues are 2 7/8" in diameter and are struck in high relief, providing superb detail and clarity. All are reproduced in bronze from the original bas-relief models created by the country's leading sculptors.



No.	Date	Sculptor	Obverse	Reverse
1	1930	Laura Gardin Fraser	Hunter & dog	Ruffed Grouse
2	1930	Paul Manship	Dionysus	Satyrs on winepress
3	1931	Hermon A. McNeil	Indian prayer for rain	Hopi Indian dance
4	1931	Frederick MacMonnies	Charles A. Lindbergh	Lone Eagle allegory
5	1932	Lee Lawrie	Whatsoever man soweth	He shall also reap
6	1932	John Flanagan	Aphrodite	Swift runners
7	1933	Carl Paul Jennewein	Gloria (glory)	Fama (fame)
8	1933	Gaetano Cecere	No easy way to stars	Difficulties of life
9	1934	Herbert Adams	Youth fishing	Fish as prize
10	1934	Albert Laessle	America (turkey)	Abundance (corn)
11	1935	Lorado Taft	Great Lakes	Daughters of Danaides
12	1935	Anthony de Francisci	Creation	Swirling universe
13	1936	R. Tait McKenzie	Athletics (shot put)	Runners
14	1936	Albert Stewart	Savagery of war	Peace
15	1937	Robert I. Aitken	Love is immortal	Love creates beauty
16	1937	Chester Beach	Peace	War
17	1938	A. Stirling Calder	Dance of life	Pleasure, pain
18	1938	Gertrude K. Lathrop	Conserve wildlife	Antelope
19	1939	Edward McCartan	The new world	The old world
20	1939	John Gregory	Ceres' blessing	Scarcity...shun you
21	1940	Edmond Amateis	Aesop's Fables (hawk)	Dog & shadow
22	1940	Walker Hancock	Castle builders	Victory over destruction
23	1941	Joseph E. Renier	Womanhood	Country & humanity
24	1941	Erwin Springweiler	Arctic (polar bear)	Antarctic (penguins)
25	1942	Janet de Coux	Thou sluggard	Go to the ant
26	1942	Brenda Putnam	Flight & man	Bird & flight
27	1943	Anna Hyatt Huntington	Africa (elephant)	Water hole (animals)
28	1943	Carl L. Schmitz	Freedom speech, religion	From want & fear
29	1944	Richard Recchia	Inspiration	Aspiration
30	1944	Mahonri Young	Riggers	Riveters
31	1945	Rene P. Chambellan	Triumph (flag raisers)	For conquer we must
32	1945	Berthold Nebel	Wounded soldier	Atomic Explosion
33	1946	Joseph Kiselewski	World Peace	Dove & olive branch
34	1946	Sidney Waugh	Privacy makes innocent	Nameless exceeds
35	1947	Bruce Moore	Eternal vigilance	Destruction
36	1947	Henry Kreis	Wise virgins	Foolish virgins
37	1948	Michael Lantz	John the Baptist	Salome
38	1948	Thomas Lo Medico	Pursuit of happiness	Good will toward men
39	1949	Adolph A. Weinman	Genesis	Web of destiny
40	1949	Leo Friedlander	Harmony	Creates tranquility
41	1950	Donal Hord	Man must sow	To reap
42	1950	Cecil Howard	Peace is life	War is death
43	1951	Albert W. Wein	Creation (God)	Creating heaven & earth
44	1951	Wheeler Williams	Monument to peace	Peace on earth
45	1952	James Earle Fraser	Pony Express	New Frontiers
46	1952	Karl Gruppe	Eagle	Boy Scouts
47	1953	Gifford MacGregor Proctor	Fish	Dry fly lure
48	1953	Peter Dalton	133rd Psalm	Swords into ploughshares
49	1954	Abram Belskie	Art goddess	Be true
50	1954	Ivan Mestrovic	Socrates	Plato
51	1955	Malvina Hoffman	Brotherhood of man	No man is an island
52	1955	Georg Lober	Hans Christian Andersen	150th anniversary
53	1956	John Angel	Adam & Eve	Gabriel & Virgin Mary
54	1956	Paul Fjelde	Walt Whitman	Leaves of Grass
55	1957	Pietro Montana	Saint at prayer	St. Francis of Assisi
56	1957	Donald De Lue	Creator of Universe	In the image of God
57	1958	Charles Rudy	Year's at the spring	Day's at the morn
58	1958	Jean de Marco	Clown	Music & drama
59	1959	Allan Houser	Apache fire dancer	Buffalo hunt
60	1959	Katharine Lane Weems	God made the beast	And every winged fowl

THE SOCIETY OF MEDALISTS

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LAURA GARDIN FRASER



PAUL MANSHIP

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HERMON A. MCNEIL



FREDERICK MACMONNIES

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LEE LAWRIE



JOHN FLANAGAN

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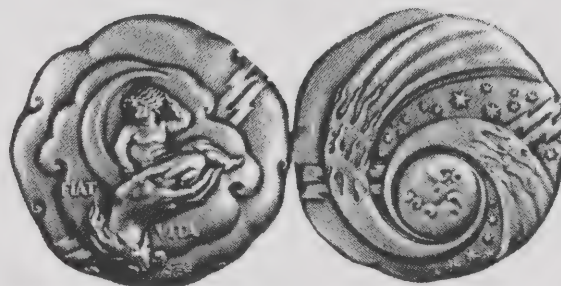
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ANTHONY DE FRANCISCI

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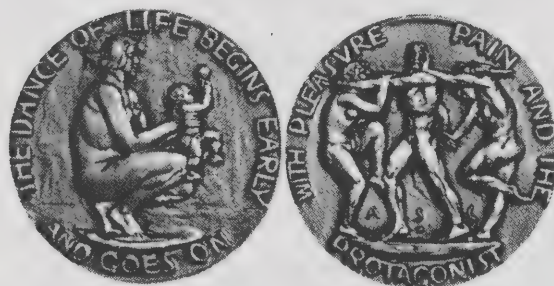


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A. STIRLING CALDER



GERTRUDE K. LATHROP

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EDWARD MCCARTAN



JOHN GREGORY

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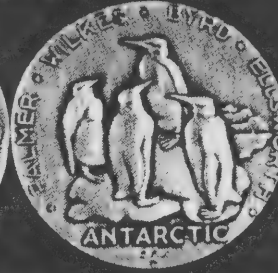
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WALKER HANCOCK

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JOSEPH E. RENIER

ERWIN SPRINGWEILER

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JANET DECOUX

BRENDA PUTNAM

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ANNA HYATT HUNTINGTON

CARL L. SCHMITZ

No. 29

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RICHARD RECCHIA

MAHONRI YOUNG

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RENE P. CHAMBELLAN

BERTHOLD NEBEL

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JOSEPH KISELEWSKI

SIDNEY WAUGH

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BRUCE MOORE

HENRY KREIS

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MICHAEL LANTZ

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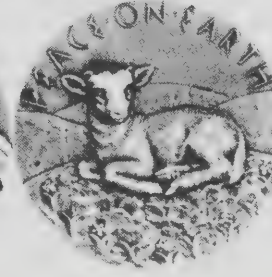
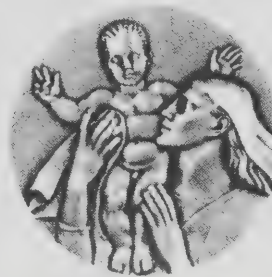
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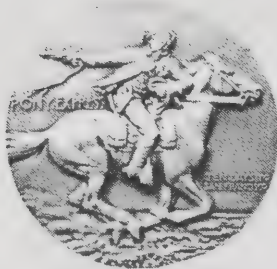
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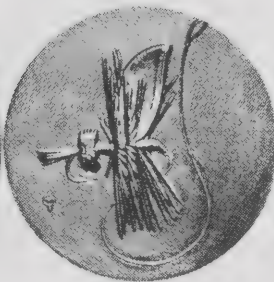


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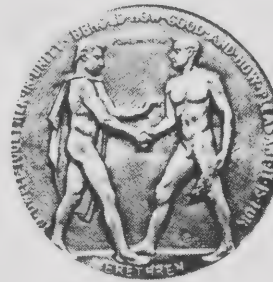
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GIFFORD MACGREGOR PROCTOR



PETER DALTON

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ABRAM BELSKIE



IVAN MESTROVIC

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MALVINA HOFFMAN



GEORG LOBER

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JOHN ANGEL

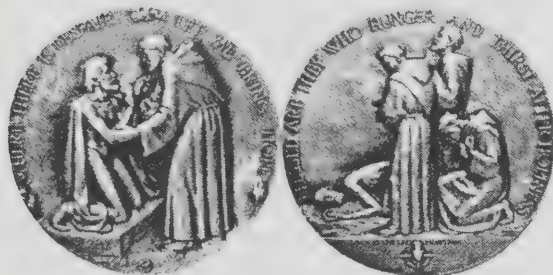


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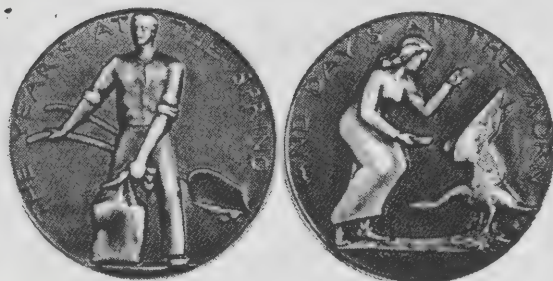


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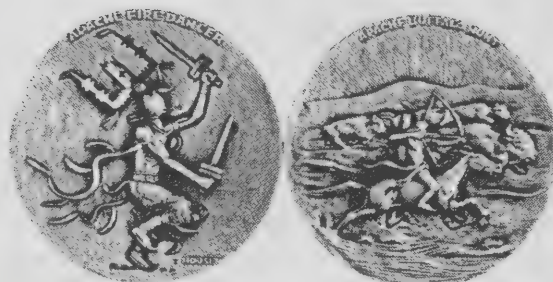


JEAN DE MARCO

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ALLAN HOUSER



KATHARINE WEEMS

DEC

From
Larry Bassett

Who was Armor Murdoch?

I had the honor and pleasure of knowing Armor Murdoch for over 7 years. We became very close friends.

I first met Armor through WPNS in 1987. I still lived in Minneapolis but was in Pittsburgh for protracted stays doing work for Westinghouse. I was then a guest attendee at WPNS meetings and was quite impressed with the knowledge and expertise of the members. Armor was the president and he ran a good meeting. There seemed to be minimal time spent on issues and their discussion. I think he made good use of committees who thrashed out issues and reported results. This left more time left for the real purpose of the meeting, the sharing of numismatic knowledge.

Armor and others at WPNS were so friendly that this influenced my decision to move to Pittsburgh in 1988. I soon became a member of WPNS. We happened to live a few miles from Armor. I felt Armor was too old to drive at night and I offered to drive to the meetings. My thought that Armor was too old to drive at night was wrong. But he rode with me anyway. Armor was not a man to accept charity. He insisted after many rounds of discussion that he would pay for the parking. If Armor could not contribute he would not ride. The argument that I was going anyway was useless. The best part of carpooling was we became good friends. We had many discussions on the widest range of topics. It was amazing to me his knowledge and experience. I know he shared many things that even his wife Edna and their children were not privy to. His concern for family and others was incredible.

After years of declining invitations to visit their cottage at Ridgeview Park we finally made time. Ridgeview is a Methodist Church Camp at the base of Chestnut Ridge formed in 1886. We eventually bought a cottage near theirs in 1991. We spent most evenings on their porch talking and just being together. Leigh and I, with Armor and Edna, enjoyed life and sharing. We became more than friends, we became family.

Armor was probably the most honest man I have ever met. He would tell you exactly what he thought. I think some were offended by his frankness. Many people are not used to total honesty. He would analyze the facts and see the impact they would have. He did not care if he alienated people when he felt they were wrong. An example of this he related while we were discussing Ridgeview Park one evening. He remembered a

discussion with a few Ridgeview residents who were proud that the park did not then allow Jews or Blacks. Armor responded with: "So what you are telling me is that if Jesus Christ himself showed up, you would not allow him in." Armor had no time for prejudice on the basis of color or belief. Armor was more concerned with a person's integrity and honor.

Armor was also one of the funniest men I have ever met. He had a sense of humor that went way over the heads of most people. People probably thought that his statements were strange but they just didn't get it. It took me awhile to tune into his sense of humor. Then I discovered that he made every situation humorous. There were times I laughed so hard I lost it. It even became funnier when the people around us did not understand what we were laughing at.

Armor always had concern for his fellow man. This was related at the funeral by his minister. Awhile back there was a homeless person living in one of Armor's rental garages. This person was creating problems and the neighbors were afraid of this person. Armor and the minister went to convince the man to seek help and shelter through appropriate agencies. The man refused but did move on. Armor was very concerned by the man's plight and welfare. Yet he had to balance the needs of the neighbors who felt threatened by a homeless person. Most people would just call the police to handle the situation. But Armor felt the need to talk to the man. I know Armor felt guilty asking this person to move on.

The last 6 months of Armor's life were spent in the hospital. He broke his hip and was not allowed to leave until he could walk. Our discussions with Edna before each visit naturally concerned Armor and his lack of willingness to walk. The visits with Armor were sad because of the pain he was in. He slowly lost his appetite. Yet each visit we saw that his mind was sharp and his humor was incredible.

At the viewings and the funeral I was struck by the number of people who stopped to pay their respects. I saw people I knew from Westinghouse, Ridgeview, WPNS, and met people from SAR and other friends of the family. Armor was loved and greatly respected by many. Seeing Armor in the casket really struck me. The irony for me was that it was so strange to see Armor with his mouth closed. In my memories of Armor I always remember him smiling. Farewell old friend.

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ALL THE NEWS
SO STOP LOOKING FOR MORE

NEXT MEETING
Dec. 6, 1994
Carnegie Group offices, 5 PPG Place
Gather at 7, Meet at 8
Speaker-- Rich Crosby on
the Society of Medalists

THE NOVEMBER SOCIAL: The meeting was attended by 28 people plus our speaker. Mr Bush centered his program on the digs on Johnstown Island near Erie where Confederate (good guy) officers were held captive by those rotten Lincoln-ites. All the response I have heard on the program was very positive. Even the wives liked it. And they barely tolerate us. The food was the usual very good. Everyone stayed until 10:30 or so, so it must have been better than a regular meeting. How about some volunteers to start working on next years social? Fresh ideas are always welcome.

YET ANOTHER STUPID CONTEST: Since Burns got the last one, I really put some time in on this one. I was going to go with the LOST COLONY, but that one was even too rotten for me. Unless Burns gets this one. Then all bets are off. Again, right answers get ONE ENTIRE NICKEL!!!!

Everyone knows the defenders of the Alamo fought to the last man. Well, everyone is WRONG! The best contemporary sources tell us several survived.

A How many did?

B Which survivor is on the most medals?

And for all you wise-guys the answers are not all the live ones and the prettiest. And I mean fighting men; not Mrs Dickinson. And for all you loop-hole-ers, Mexicans don't count. Just would-be Texicans. All right quiz-kids, have at it.

MEMORIES OF ARMOR: This month we have two. Both were so good I could not choose between them. Eileen Kaminsky's follows and Larry Bassett's is on another sheet.

The following memory of Armor is from Eileen Kaminsky;

I married Giff in February 1977 and shortly thereafter met Armor at meetings to save the coin collection at the Carnegie Museum. Over the years, I saw him at shows and meetings and developed a warm and friendly relationship with him. When Giff became a member of WPNS, I sometimes accompanied him as a guest thereby becoming further acquainted with Armor.

When I was put up for membership in WPNS there was a lot of negative fuss, especially among some of the older members. Armor from the outset supported me and when I did become a member he told me he was delighted.

At every meeting he made it a point to speak with me and even solicited my opinion on club issues as well as on coins. When his neighbor at his camp in Derry needed to select

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a dealer to buy her deceased husband's collection, he recommended me of all the dealers he knew.

In fact, we had a kind of a "thing" for each other - a special friendship that his wife thought was "sweet".

My last sight of him was the WPNS social in 1993 at the Westinghouse Castle. He called my attention to his necktie (in disarray) and told me he had "forgotten" how to tie it. It was a sad moment and his honesty about his obvious failing condition tore a hole in my heart.

He never forgot my husband's name or my new last name and he always made Jim feel included in things. In the words of a saying my dad used - Armor was a scholar and a gentleman and I loved him.

Thanks to both. And I am awaiting others. Mike.

COMING SHOWS

DEC 11 NICKEL TRADER ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW Castle Shannon

DEC 18 Firehall info 941-2338 8am -3pm great last chance
to shop for gifts my color is black

HINTHINTHINTHINT: For those who have no-one to pass used stamps to, may I suggest the Ben Franklin Stamp Project of the USPS. They take stamp collecting into schools and youth groups.

Strictly a volunteer effort. They always need used stamps, both U.S. as well as world wide. Donations can be made at any Post Office. Just put them in a bag or envelope and mark it

BEN FRANKLIN STAMP PROJECT

C/O POSTMASTER

USED STAMPS ENCLOSED

On behalf of all the rugrats THANKS

NEXT ISSUE

Picking the perfect Christmas gift using Brown & Dunn.

THE ETHNIC NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Twas the night before Christmas, in my old ETHNIC house,
I creep down the stairs, just as quiet as mouse.
The whole rest of family in beds they are asleep,
While visions of mushrooms through the heads of them creep.
The workshoes is hung by the chimney with care,
In hope that St. Stashu will soon fill them there.
While over in corner is sight silly to see,
Kielbasas and garlic hangs from the tree.
Then there is a big bang and the house starts to shudder,
Some nut lands on the roof and breaks the rain gutter.
He starts down the chimney and swears cause its tight,
I hide behind beer cases way out of sight.
He lands in the fireplace scorching his hair,
On the busted orange crate whats burning still there.
He climbs out, I peaks, and gets a good look
There St. Stashu stands just like in book.
He's got vodka-glazed eyes and a stomach like a bubble,
A five day old beard and soot on the stubble.
He wears biggest tennis shoes I ever saw,
And He's lost all the buttons off his mackinaw.
But he won't catch cold, Ethnic Santa's no dope
Cause tied round his waist is old piece of rope.
I tries not to laugh, but I give a few snickers
When I see the big patch on the seat of his knickers.
This is for sure Ethnic Santa I know without fear
For he heads for the kitchen and opens a beer.
When he finishes a six pack he gives a big smirk
Reaches into potato sack and goes right to work.
Now under the tree he is starting to set
The most beautiful presents an Ethnic can get.
There's a mushroom basket and pickax for brother,
A bright red babushka and shovel for mother.
Six quarts of vodka to make papa gay
And cause lots of trouble in this house today.
For baby of family, I know he hasn't missed her'
Cause I see pretty things he leave for my sister.
And won't she be happy through all spring and summer,
With those wrenches and plunger she can play plumber.
Then my eyes brighten up and my heart fills with glee
When I sees all the things Ethnic Santa's brought me.
There's work gloves and sledgehammer (my favorite tool)
To work hard for boss, when I flunk out of school.
With new thermos jug cabbage soup cannot spill
When I carries my lunch on the way to the mill.
Then he drinks some more beers and gives a big grin,
I can see where the foams running off of his chin
And gives a few burps up the chimney he rose
While using his sleeve to wipe off his nose.
I must see him leave so I rush out the door,
The sight that I see nock me back on the floor.
And what does I see as I peek through the twigs

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But this old wooden garbage cart pulled by eight pigs.
 Ethnic Santa jumps up and gives a great yell,
 "Come on youse pigs don't just stand there and smell!"
 "On Stella, on Stanley, on Walter and Joe,
 And all youse others whose names I don't know."
 "Fly over the junkyard and turn to the right,
 Lets visit all peoples before I get tight."
 Then I heard him say as he flew over me,
 "I'm the worlds only Ethnic what gives things for free!"

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A B.U. NEW YEAR

Mother Goose and Grimm

By Mike Peters



Non Sequitur

By Wiley



"It's hunting season. Know where I can find a red clown nose and some sleigh bells?"

EASY ? QUESTIONS

- 1.- COINS WITHOUT PORTRAIT OR TITLE PLUS FOUR EMPERORS ARE AVAILABLE IN THIS YEAR. WHAT YEAR IS THIS?
- 2.- THE SELLER QUOTES "SIX BITS" FOR THE COIN AND A "SHORT BIT" FOR THE HOLDER. CONVERT TO \$ AND CTS.
- 3.- WHICH MINT IN WHICH YEAR PRODUCED THE FEWEST FRANKLIN HALVES FOR CIRCULATION?
- 4.- HOW MUCH MORE SILVER IS THERE IN THE 1880 TRADE DOLLAR THAN 4 QUARTERS OF SAME YEAR? (% OR GRAMS)
- 5.- WHAT IS SMALLEST FRACTION ON A U.S. COIN?
- 6.- WHAT IS EARLIEST DATE IN ROMAN NUMERALS ON ANY REGULAR OR COMMEMORATIVE U.S. COIN?
- 7.- WHAT % SILVER DOES OUR 4 COIN TYPE 3+PIECE CONTAIN?
- 8.- WHAT % COPPER IS IN THE CENTER OF OUR PROOF 3 COIN BICENTENNIAL SET?
- 9.- IN LAST 100 YEARS WHAT DIME DATE WOULD BE THE MOST DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN?
- 10.- WHAT YEAR OF ROME DID JULIAN CALENDAR BEGIN?
- 11.- NUMBER OF YEARS BETWEEN (A) BROWN + DUNN'S BOOK AND (B) START OF MS-70 (IN BOOK)?
- 12.- COUNTRY WITH LARGEST GOLD COINAGE IN ONE YEAR SINCE 1930?
- 13.- 50% POTASSIUM BICHROMATE + 50% CONCENTRATED NITRIC ACID WILL HELP US TELL WHAT?
- 14.- WHAT YEAR SAW THE LARGEST INCREASE IN THE WEIGHT OF THE U.S. QUARTER?

EXPLAIN FOLLOWING NUMBERS

- 1.- 1.292929292
- 2.- 29.25x48MM
- 3.- 1,819,223,300
- 4.- 11,612,800
- 5.- 9.25 SPECIFIC GRAVITY
- 6.- 7 GRAIN WEIGHT TOLERANCE
- 7.- 1,716,368,000 MINTAGE
- 8.- 107.88 - ATOMIC WEIGHT
- 9.- 1190 AH
- 10.- 18V70N MIDLAND OIL
- 11.- 20 GRAINS
- 12.- 271 - NET OF DUPLICATES
- 13.- 338,653,371 (ON 6/31/94)
- 14.- \$355 BILLION = LARGEST #
- 15.- 1752 - AMERICAN BEGINNING
- 16.- 2538 B.E. (BUDDHIST)
- 17.- 27¹¹/₃₂ GRAINS
- 18.- 13 oz, 15 Pennyweights = # LYON DOLLARS
- 19.- POPE JOHN XX
- 20.- KING JOHN 1st (FRANCE)
- 21.- 19 APRIL 1584
- 22.- 485 = USUAL ACTUAL COUNT
- 23.- 463° F - MOLTEN
- 24.- 16 CUBIC METRE

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Meeting Date: October 4, 1994

Member Name	Exhibits
Michael Komza	
Charles W. Felt	
William Spence	
Garry Gribble	
Pat Cugliaro 5	
Paul Hoff	
Jerry Bate	GOLD CAST 1818 1/2 ACKY
John D. Burns	
Alan Kamensky	
Wayne K. Hommes 10	HEATH'S COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR AT SIGHT, 1864 (1st ed) ENGSTROM, COINS IN SHAKESPEARE
Rodger E. Hershey	PGH REDUCTION SO CALLED DOLLAR - "HP SCOTCH MEDAL"
Duke Gaetano	
Edward A. Brionich	
Warren Colborn 14	
Guest Name	Exhibits
Jim Groninger	

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ALL THIS NEWS ----
IT GIVES ME FITS

NEXT MEETING
NOV. 1 1994
TAMBELLINI'S
DRINKS AT 6, FOOD AT 7
DETAILS BELOW

Why is this darn thing so early? So you get one last chance at the social meeting! While a notice was sent out earlier, I had some second thoughts on relying on prompt action by everyone and decided you needed one last shot. So-----

SOCIAL MEETING: will be at Tambellini's on Sawmill Run Blvd (RTE 51) which is near the Liberty Tubes and not much else. The speaker will be a Mr. Bush speaking on the topic of his archeological digs on the sites of Civil War prisons. The food choices are between prime rib and some sort of fish. I voted for possum pizza with double badger toes. Oh well. People planning on attending better call Jerry Porter (321-2122) RIGHT NOW or you will be S.O.L. The 23rd of October is the cut-off date.

TED'S PROGRAM: I never did like him. You think some of my questions are hard? HAH!!! I only got 3. And Burns, our resident brainiac, only got 1. Out of almost 40. I never considered how much math goes into coin-dealing before. Good job Ted. And never do it again. I got three of his, but he hasn't gotten any of mine yet. NYAH-NYAH. I still argue the one answer: IIII means I am the Frito Bandito, no matter what Ted says.

CONTEST RESULTS: We finally had a winner! John Burns got the right answer: LAFAYETTE, I HAVE ARRIVED. Or at least really, really close. Three others tried and failed. At least one of you mere mortals have risen to challenge me. So, next month, WE ROCK!!!

THE CLUB MEDAL is going to be tabled long-term. Out of about 40 members only 12 replied. And only half of those were positive. And less wanted a metal card, which was my choice. Different folks are upset for different reasons. Personally, I'm ticked that we get 15 or more people at meetings and only got 12 responses. Shame on us all. If you can, we would still like you to return the surveys. If you need one, call me (322-9682) or write the club. Please.

GRAFT! CORRUPTION! BRIBERY! LARSEN-Y! I have an offer on the table. One of our members will let me use his photocopier any month I cut out the smart-assed comments. I may explode, but I may have to take him up on his offer. Unless those of you who like smart-assed comments come through for me. Offers can be called in to me: and I will deny ever having heard of them. Trust me, I'm a Republican: I understand selling myself to the highest bidder.

REMEMBERING ARMOR: For the next few months, I would like to include thoughts from various members about Armor. We need a better record for the future than a simple obituary. Since this is my idea, I'll go first. But I would like everyone to do the same sort of thing to be included in each newsletter. Send them to me or to the club address.

Armor was president when I first found WPNS. I didn't get to know him well; which is a loss I will regret. A while back when Larry Bassett left us for a while, I didn't miss him all that much. Still saw him pretty regular. But while he was gone, Armor (who rode with him) didn't get to many meetings. And while I was sorry for Larry's absence, it was the time lost with Armor I truly regretted. I will miss Armor. He was a true gentleman. And he ran a meeting as well as anyone ever will.

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SHOW NOTICE

Nov 13 & NICKEL TRADER ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW Castle
Nov 25 Shannon Firehall info - 412-941-2338 8am-3pm

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LATE NEWS

In going through all the stuff that goes with my office, I found these really great certificates of membership for joining our Society. I didn't get one when I joined. If any other members are lacking one, and would like one, let me know. James and E., you may both be entitled to one.

I know I am a pain at nagging you all about dues and photocopiers and such, but I have good reason. A years newsletters, if the treasury paid everything, would cost \$4.56 per member. That does not count special mailings, program guides, membership cards, or any of the other things we need. At 5 bucks a year, we are hardly at break even. Personally, I would like to save the treasury for things like the Allegheny Project, Journal, and other capital items. So I will nag. So shoot me.

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NEXT ISSUE

Finding really hot babes using BROWN & DUNN.

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Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Minutes of the Oct 4 meeting of WPNS as taken by M. Homza.

The meeting was called to order by E. Krivoniak at 8:03.

The minutes of the Sept. meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer H. Colborn reports a current balance of \$3165.63 of which \$600 is in the life fund.

Committee reports:

Dick Gaitano reports a new total of 67 new additions to the encased book. A vote should be taken soon on a second edition.

The medal committee reported on the results of the membership survey. There were 12 replys from the membership with the opinion split 50/50 on the medal and less in favor of a metal membership card. The advice of the committee was to drop the project for now untill more support develops. Harry Colborn made the formal motion to suspend the project; it was seconded by Eileen Kominsky. The motion carried with no opposed and 1 abstention.

Jerry Porter reports that the Social Meeting will be held on Nov.1 at Tambellini's Sawmill Run location. Cocktails will be at 6:00 with dinner at 7:00. The speaker will be a Mr. Bush on the topic of Civil War Prison Digs. The food choices are prime rib or a fish course. Cost will be about \$25 per person. Persons attending will need to contact Jerry at 321-2122. A separate mailing to inform the membership was approved.

Wayne Homren read a card from Edna Murdoch thanking the Society for the flowers and again thanking Wayne and Larry Bassett for serving as pallbearers. Armor will be missed. New arrangements to contact the membership in events like this were discussed.

Old business:

PAN members report 71 tables sold and that last years 1914d cent may have turned up in Florida.

Coin I.D. Day was reported by John Burns to be a failure. There was no advertising and no-one showed up. Alternatives for the future were discussed.

There was no new business.

The program was presented by Ted Shiff.

The motion to adjourn was made by Roger Hersey and seconded by Chuck Erb. The motion carried at 10:06.

SOCIAL MEETING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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RUN BLVD (RTE 51). The program will be Mr. Bush speaking on
Civil War prison digs. The food choices are prime rib and a
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for details or reservations; respond NOW as time is short.

COCKTAILS at 6pm

DINNER at 7pm

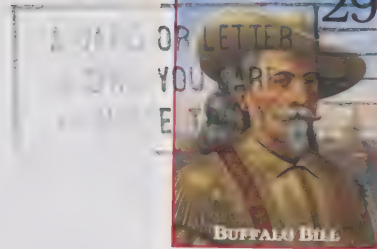
BURPS at 8pm

*Extra mailing
Sent Oct 5, 1994*

Eileen K. Kaminsky
James A. Kaminsky
4628 Clairton Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15236-2114

ARMOR

Mike Homza
1226 Superior Avenue
Pittsburgh PA
15212



10/20/94

Dear Mike,

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especially among the older members. Armar from the outset supported my membership & when I did become a member told me he was delighted.

At every meeting he made it a point to speak to me & even solicited my opinion on Club issues & Caine, too.

When his neighbor at his camp in Perry needed to submit a dealer to buy her deceased husband's collection he recommended me of the dealers he knew. In fact we had kind of a "thing" for each other - a special friendship that his wife thought was sweet. My last sight of him was WPN Social 1993 - Westinghouse. He called my attention to his necktie (in disarray) & told us he had "forgotten" how

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to see it." It was a sad moment & his honesty about his obvious failing condition tore a hole in my heart.

He never forgot my husband's name & my new last name & always spoke to him & made him feel included.

~~Then~~ In the words of a saying my Dad used —
 Arthur was a scholar and a gentleman & I loved him.

Eileen

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NEXT MEETING

DATE: SEPT. 6, 1994

PLACE: CARNEGIE GROUP, 5 PPG PLACE

GATHER AT 7, MEET AT 8 P.M.

L. Korchnak speaks on "SEIGE COINS"

The August meeting had 19 members and one guest present. Be nice to break 25 some day. (HINT HINT)

I didn't mention the program last newsletter since no-one told me what the heck was going on. Pat McBride was absent (as I knew) and John Burns covered for him. No-one told me that part. John gave Pat's talk. Partly by reading someone else's article. Using Pat's coins. And if you follow all that you are better than me. I was there and I still lost track. Cujos (rabid dogs) to John for filling in in a pinch. Good job John. I was surprised to learn that when the English claimed the Irish were revolting the Scots agreed.

CONTEST RESULTS !!!!! Seven people tried to get the right Czar and were all WRONG!! Even our club genealogist missed. The right answer is Peter III. All of his wife's, Catherine the Great's, children were fathered by other men. So, the Romonov bloodline ends there.

And while I'm at it, the secret joker was ME. But I cheated by doing my Nevin impersonation. It worked. Everyone who tried picked him.

The WPNS Journal is doing great. 17 copies were sold at the ANA. The ANA itself bought 5. So get yours now or hope for a second run. Or overbid in 5 years at the MONEY TREE. And look for our ad in the CLARION.

The case against Carl Benson continues to build. At this time it involves 22 seperate people and a herd of counts. He received over \$700,000.00 cash for only about \$70,000.00 worth of goods. And selling coins he never delivered. And some "loans" too bizarre to describe. Theft by deception and criminal conspiracy are the major charges.

EDITORIAL: Ted Shiff tried at the ANA to get the numismatic press interested. They yawned at best. NUMISMATIC NEWS flat out didn't care. Seems if it didn't happen to one of their readers they don't care. This is one sorry attitude. Anything good or bad that happens should be worthy of notice. And when you consider the scope of this scam, ducking it is (pardon the phrase) a crying shame. Write the N.N. and voice your concerns, or keep buying worse journalism than I produce for nothing.

(OVER)

ONE LAST TIME: I am Mike Homza, 1226 Superior Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212 412-322-9682. Write it down. Memorize it. Burn the paper then swallow the ashes. Contact me as needed. Code name "WILDHAIR".

The coming social is in the works. Look for more details next month.

KNOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP: Did you hear about the guy who bought a dog with no legs? Named him cigarette since every now and then he takes him out for a drag. Who's guilty: Jerry Veeck, Jerry Porter, or Tom Fort?

DUES: The following people still owe the club: ah hell thats half of you. If you haven't paid up how about getting a check off. Do you really want to be in arrears to a club as topheavy in lawyers as we are?

ROADTRIP!!!!!! Wayne is trying to organize a clubwide rush on the ANS in NYC on Oct 29th for the COINAGE OF THE AMERICAS conference. You've read the books, now see the movie. Kegs are optional, however I may break out my Kneebritches and westcot.

COIN I.D. DAY is coming for late Sept or early Oct. Lets all of us try to turn out to help. See John Burns for details.

SHOW NOTICE

Sept. 10-11 Greensburg Coin Club Youngwood Firehall
INFO 832-8054 Tom Smith go Saturday so on Sunday
you can go to
Sept 11 Nickle Trader Antiques and Collectible Show
Castle Shannon Firehall info 941-2338
Sept 17-18 Indiana Coin Club Best Western University Inn
info 254-2471
Sept 17-18 Penn's Colony Festival North Park 10am-6pm
24-25 no coins but watch yours truly slaughter those
English dogs the second week Tell the Royal
Gov's guard you know me and get shot FREE

Anything you want included in the letter or envelope, get it to me by the 15th of the month. As space permits, free to members. No ads other than show notices in the text for now.

Next Issue

Identify your roadkill using Brown & Dunn.

coin scam lawyer: 'Let buyer beware'

*News
Record*

By Tony Klimko
Staff writer

*July 21
1994*

OAKMONT: Slick salesmanship or scam? That's the \$630,000 question about Carl Benson, and it was asked Wednesday before District Justice Richard Zoller.

Benson, 50, of North Huntingdon is accused of multiple counts of theft by deception and writing bad checks totaling \$630,000.

He is accused of selling coins to victims after claiming they were worth more than their actual value.

Zoller ordered Benson held for court in six of the cases while another case against Benson was waived into court. More cases are pending, according to Allegheny County detective Richard DeSantis. Zoller said he will begin hearing the rest of the cases against Benson Aug. 3.

In addition to the Allegheny County cases, Benson is accused of taking \$50,000 from William Scalera of Cranberry to buy coins, but police said there is no record of Benson buying the coins.

Benson is free on \$10,000 bond for the Allegheny County cases, and Evans City District Justice Kelly Streib set his bond at \$10,000 for the Cranberry case.

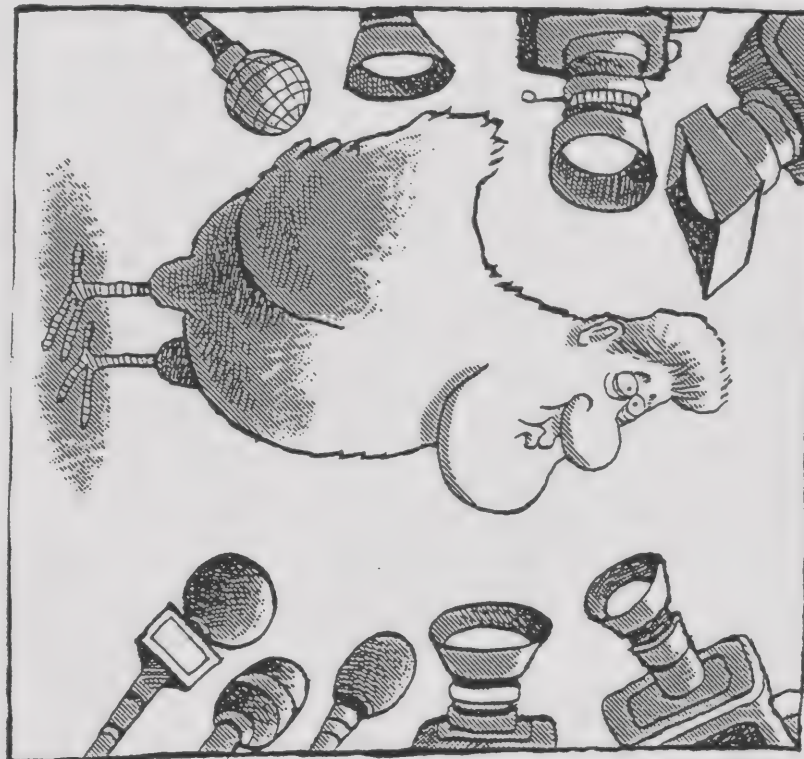
Ronald Barber, Benson's attorney, argued Wednesday the theft by deception charges against his client should be dismissed. Barber argued, "Let the buyer beware!"

"My client did not misrepresent any of the facts about the coins," the defense attorney said. "They were what he said they were. As to the dollar price of the coins, it's all a matter of opinion."

Barber argued that if a willing buyer paid more for an item than its actual worth, "it's not a crime; it's a bad deal."

But Assistant Allegheny County District Attorney Robert Tessaro said, "the law reads that if a person creates a false impression as to the value ... of an object, they are guilty of theft by deception."

Zoller dismissed charges of theft by deception and criminal conspiracy in one case against Benson's wife, Carol, 50, involving \$27,000. However, the district justice ordered her held for court on criminal conspiracy and theft by deception in a case involving \$12,500.



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Raymond A. Byrne puts one of his coins to the test.

Ex-Steeler Aide Makes Big Change To Coin Team

By JIM McNEIRNEY

An East Liberty funeral director and former statistician for the Steelers is joining a new "team" based in Washington.

Raymond A. Byrne's recent appointment came not from Vince Lombardi, however, but from President Nixon.

The team is the U. S. Assay Commission, and its job is to see that the coin of the realm is up to snuff.

Mr. Byrne, 55, who operates the Byrne Memorial Home at 701 N. Negley Ave., brings impressive credentials to his new task.

He's been researching and studying coins for 20 years, and has a collection that spans centuries.

The Assay Commission, established in 1792, is responsible for testing and weighing the mineral content of U. S. currency.

And Mr. Byrne, a father of five, is the first Pittsburgher to serve on the commission.

"The assaying is done every year," he explained. "It's just a citizens' check on the value of their coins."

He'll travel to the Philadelphia Mint Tuesday to spend the day with the dozen or so other commission members checking our money.

In addition to his coin collection, Mr. Byrne has a 4900-volume library on the subject.

He also has collected a number of literary awards for his contributions to numismatic journals. Numismatics? That's a big word for studying and collecting coins.

Specializing in coins from the Caribbean and West Indies, he has coins dating from 1596 to 1824.

"I got started shortly after World War II when I rediscovered some old U. S. coins given to me by my great uncle," he explained.

There's more to collecting coins than the thrill of getting a new one, he said.

"Just to look at a coin isn't much, but you must realize that coins give the history of the time when they were minted," he explained.

Mr. Byrne said the technical tests on a sampling of coins in the mint this week are not complicated, but take time.

First, the commission members must weigh the coin in and out of water to figure its specific gravity, then check the charts of the specific gravity of the precious metals.

Other tests include the use of a micrometer to test the shape of the coins and the inspection of the coin with a jeweler's eyepiece to assure it is in good condition.

Mr. Byrne served as statistician for the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1946 to 1958.

When he left the Steelers he donated the football research material to the Football Foundation in New Brunswick, N. J.

Show To Pass Out 25,000

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Meeting Date: Sept. 6, 1994

Member Name	Exhibits
Ed Krivoniak	MISC. MEDALS
Mike Womack	
Jim Groninger	Introduction, Insfboer translation of G. Van Loon
Jerry Porter	2 MAXIMILIAN COINS, 1 BRITISH EDW III CORONATION MEDAL
5 Gary Ghibeli	
Ied Litz	BOOKS / PHONE CARDS
Jerry Korchinski	Siege Money + a piece of Hadrian's Wall
John H. Burns	Sydenham Roman Republican coins
Jerry R. Veeck	
10 Jeff Hershman	QUADRICENTENNIAL PC / SIEGE OF MALTA
E. Torkelson Fort	BOOKS on ANCIENT, MEDIEVAL + MODERN HISTORY + NUMISMATICS
Wayne Horner	PLATED PARMELEE CATALOG w/HAND PRICING (1890) "\$150 REWARD" FLYER from H.G. SAMPSON (1879)
Steve Gattang	Panama Canal Spoon - Hapalong Cassidy 2 head
14 William Penney	
Guest Name	Exhibits
Cory Costo	
Karen Korchinski	

Minutes of the Sept. 6 meeting of Wpns as taken by M. Homza.

The meeting was called to order by Ed Krivoniak at 8:00.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

Due to the vacation of Harry Colborn we had a condensed report on the treasury giving a total for July of \$3077.46 and for August of \$3191.79.

Committee reports:

Wayne Homren on behalf of the medal committee reports that a survey of the membership will be prepared for the next newsletter and that the old dies are still missing.

Dick Gaitano of the Allegheny Project reports that he has now 63 total additions to the encased penny book and it may now be time for a second edition.

Old business:

Jerry Porter reported on the coming social meeting. Several possibilities like the Gateway Clipper had to be ruled out due to weather and other factors. While plans are not yet settled, the lead is held by: the Neville House Tour, or a program by Dr. Cowin on her digs in Pittsburgh. The meeting may be either Nov. 1 or 5.

The CLARION ad for our Journal is ready and will be sent soon.

Coin I.D. Day will be Oct. 1 at the Carnegie Museum and is chaired by John Burns. The times are 10am - 3pm.

New Business:

The placing of an ad in the coming PAN program was discussed. It was proposed that it would allow us to not only highlight our club but could also be used to push our publications. A formal motion was made by Mike Homza to purchase a full page ad for \$50. The motion was seconded by John Burns. The motion passed.

Roger Hersey informed the membership that there were still seats available at the PAN dinner. Reservations can be had through him at a cost of \$25 each.

The program was presented by Larry Korchnak

The motion to adjourn was made by John Burns and seconded by Dick Gaitano. It passed at 10:03.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month, at the offices of Carnegie Group Inc., Five PPG Place, Downtown. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., meeting begins at 8:00.

September 6, 1994

"The Story of Siege Money"Larry Korchnak

October 4, 1994

"Numbers in Numismatics"Ted Shiff

November, 1994

Social Meeting

Place and Program to be Announced

December 6, 1994

"History of the Society of Medallists"

.....Richard Crosby

January 3, 1995

"The S & L Mystery"

.....Larry Dziubek

February 7, 1995

"The Casting Machine"

.....Chuck Erb

March 7, 1995

"Coinage and Monetary Policy During the Roman Civil War 49-45 BC"E. Tomlinson Fort

April 4, 1995

Location: Carnegie Museum Annex

"U.S. Pattern Coinage"Wayne Homren

May 2, 1995

"Ancient War Elephants"

.....Jerry Porter

June 6, 1995

Annual Business Meeting

July 4, 1995

"Wampum"

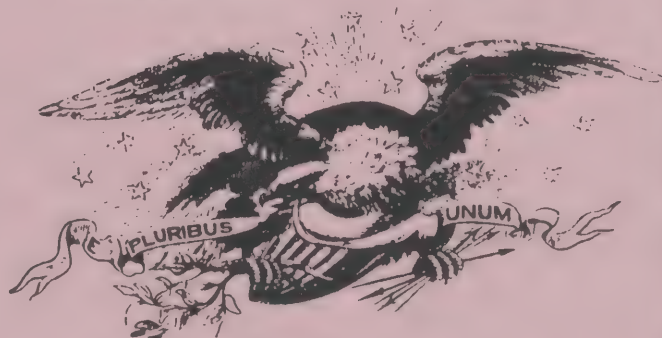
.....Mike Homza

August 1, 1995

"Numismatic Literature: How to Build

a Comprehensive Library

.....John Burns



The Program Committee urges you to bring recent acquisitions or any other articles of numismatic interest for display at the meetings. Particularly welcome are exhibits related to the current program topic.

Bring a Guest!

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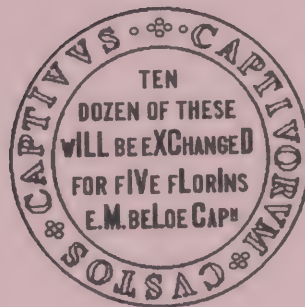
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Selected Siege Currency

by

Lawrence C. Korchnak

Presented to the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society
October 5, 1993

A Stubborn General and the Money Used to Cover His Expenses

Sent to evacuate Egyptian troops in the Sudan in 1884, General Charles Gordon decided to stay against the wishes of his Prime Minister. He died during a long siege leaving strange paper money as a numismatic legacy...

In 1881, an Egyptian boatbuilder proclaimed himself to be the reincarnation of the prophet Mohammed. This "ruler of righteousness" was known as the Mahdi. Vowing to cleanse the Sudan of the despised British and Egyptian occupation troops, the Mahdi's holy war put great pressure on the colonial empire of Great Britain.

Not wishing to become caught up in an extended colonial war, British Prime Minister Gladstone sent General Charles Gordon to evacuate the Sudan.

Once in the Sudan, General Gordon ignored his orders to evacuate. He boldly refused to turn over the country to the Mahdi and his band of Muslim fanatics. Filled with a sense of colonial self righteousness, Gordon, instead, dug in and built siege fortifications at Khartoum.

Surrounded by the Mahdi, Gordon requested additional troops even though he could have safely used the Nile to escape. Gladstone was furious, the British public was sympathetic, and Gordon sat smugly.

On April 25, 1884 Gordon personally issued his own paper currency in the sum of 168,500 British pounds...A hefty sum by anyone's standards. He stated that he was "responsible for the liquidation" of the entire issue and declared that "Anyone can bring action against me, in my individual capacity, to cover the money."

The notes were printed in Arabic and carried General Gordon's signature. Some of the notes were reportedly inked by the general himself.

However, since most of Gordon's colonial troops were illiterate, words and numbers were meaningless. The denomination of each note was represented by a geometric design. For example, a half moon resting on its side represented 5 Piastres, a circle with sawteeth represented 500 Piastres, and a rectangle with sawteeth represented 2000 Piastres. There was even a 50 pound note represented by a diamond design payable in Egyptian money...Eleven varieties in all.

For nine months, these notes were as good as gold.

Exasperated, Gladstone eventually gave in to public opinion and ordered his British troops in nearby Aswan to break the stalemate at Khartoum.

Up to this point, the Mahdi elected not to wipe out the stubborn general and his troops. He chose instead to cut off Khartoum and wait for a sign from Allah. The Mahdi received his sign when the troops left Aswan.

Khartoum was savagely attacked on January 26, 1885 after a siege of nearly one year.

General Gordon was lost in battle that day but not after having issued a fascinating series of currency to pay his troops and cover his expenses. The Mahdi fought for a number of years afterwards only to succumb to Great Britain's superior military strength.

Sieges, Scouts, and a Prominent Statesman

When war broke out between the South African Republic and Great Britain in 1899, the commander of the British troops in South Africa was besieged and forced to issue emergency money.

Less than a month into the conflict, the South African Boers took control of the railway leading to Mafeking. This cut off the British troops led by Colonel R.S.S. Baden-Powell. In order to overcome the shortage of circulating coins that resulted, Baden-Powell printed notes "good for" 1/, 2/, 3/, 10/, and 1 Pound amounts in January of 1900. The 1/, 2/, and 3/ were released immediately while the 10/ and 1 Pound were issued in March.

Intended to be redeemed upon the resumption of civil law, the Mafeking siege currency was crudely produced in an underground shelter. The small denominations were printed on cheap note paper while the 10/ and 1 Pound notes used the quality stationery from government and corporate offices.

In their haste to produce the currency, the printers made a number of errors. The most notable was the misspelling of Colonel Baden-Powell's title on the 10/ note.

As the siege wore on, food became scarce. The beleaguered British made "Sowen," a porridge from oat husks. Admittedly not too tasty, this concoction served to nourish both troops and civilians. Baden-Powell issued ration coupons called "Sowen Tickets" that were redeemed at kitchens specially set up to distribute the porridge.

Later in the war, due to a scarcity of silver coins in Matabeleland, stamps were affixed to thin cardboard pieces and circulated as money. Still later "Siege Soup" tickets were printed in Kimberly near the famed diamond mines.

What about the Boy Scouts? you ask...

The commander of the British forces during the siege of Mafeking was Colonel R.S.S. Baden-Powell, founder of the international Boy Scouts organization.

Nobody knows for sure the extent to which the South African war experiences influenced Baden-Powell's decision to create the Boy Scouts. We do know, however, that the Boy Scouts were modeled after the Border Scouts that served him so well during the Boer War.

Where does the prominent statesman fit in?

He doesn't, at least not for many years...

For it was in this war that a young Winston Churchill got his first taste of battle as a not so prominent cub reporter for a well known London newspaper.

Mainz (Mayence) (1793)

Mainz is a city in the Rhineland that was occupied by the French. During one of its many scuffles with Germany, France faced the Prussian Army here in 1793. The siege was a protracted one and the French were reduced to eating weeds and the leather from their clothing to avoid starving.

During the siege, three coins and two issues of currency were circulated. The first currency issue was handwritten on the back of French assignats in 20 sous, 20 livres, and 50 livres denominations. The second issue was printed in 5 sous, 10 sous, and 3 livres denominations.

The Franco-Prussian stalemate lasted hundreds of days. The German commander resorted to floating poisoned horse carcasses down the river that passed through the city. This forced the French to station troops along the banks of the river to keep the starving citizenry from sure death. This also kept them from the Prussian attacks on the perimeters.

The Prussians had the upper hand, however, the length of the siege gave the appearance of weakness causing the Prussian king to order his general to end the fighting. He did and the French troops went home to a heroes welcome!

Palma Nova (1848)

Palma Nova, a Northern Italian town, was besieged by Austrian forces under General Baron Carlo Zucchi from March through June of 1848. A series of very crude notes were issued in nine different denominations ranging from 25 Centesimi to 100 Lire.

Zara (1813)

A very rare 2 francs note was issued by the French occupying the city. The Austrians, with the help of the Italians, retook the city driving out Napoleon's forces.

Colberg (1807) and Erfurt (1813)

Colberg, a Prussian fortress, was besieged by the French in 1807. There were two issues of 2, 4, and 8 Groschen. Erfurt, a city in Saxony, was occupied by French forces in 1813 and were besieged by the Prussians. The French occupation troops issued a series of 8 rare notes ranging from 3 Groschen to 5 Thaler.

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Membership Medal Survey

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

The Membership Medal Committee would like to collect the opinions of the membership regarding the proposed W.P.N.S. Membership Medal. Please fill out this survey form and return it to the Society. The committee will use the survey results to prepare a proposal. This is NOT a vote, just a preliminary survey. Feel free to write additional comments on the other side of this form.

1. Would you like to see W.P.N.S. issue a Membership Medal?

Yes ____ No ____ Don't Care ____

2. Would you like to see W.P.N.S. issue a metallic membership card?

Yes ____ No ____ Don't Care ____

3. If a metallic card or medal is issued, who should pay for the following: ?

a. Die Preparation: Society ____ Member ____ Both ____ Don't Care ____

b. Engraving: Society ____ Member ____ Both ____ Don't Care ____

c. Gold issues: Society ____ Member ____ Both ____ Don't Care ____

d. Silver issues: Society ____ Member ____ Both ____ Don't Care ____

e. Copper/Bronze Society ____ Member ____ Both ____ Don't Care ____

4. Should an individual member be able to purchase additional medals?

Yes ____ No ____ Don't Care ____

5. Should non-members be able to purchase medals?

Yes ____ No ____ Don't Care ____

6. Should the Society purchase an inventory of medals for future use?

Yes ____ No ____ Don't Care ____

September, 1994



Armor M. Murdoch
1908-1994

Armor M. Murdoch, a longtime member of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, passed away on September 17, 1994, at age 86. Armor was born in Wilksburg, PA, near Pittsburgh, on July 29, 1908.

He earned a law degree from the Washington College of Law (now part of American University). He worked for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Dept. of Agriculture, living in Washington, D.C. during World War II. In 1947 he returned home to Wilksburg where he ran a real estate and insurance business until his retirement in 1972. He was a founder and past president of the East Suburban Multi-List.

Murdoch collected U.S. coinage, specializing in \$5.00 gold pieces. He developed an interest in odd and curious money of the world through his acquaintance with local club member Howard Gibbs.

He joined WPNS in 1950 and knew all the old-time members of the Society, including Ray Byrne, Bob Porter, Jim Sloss, and Bill Woodside. He served as President of the Society from 1977 to 1979 and again from 1988 to 1990. In August, 1958 he published an article in the Numismatic Scrapbook magazine titled "Hobby Insurance with Particular Respect to Coin Collections."

Murdoch was also president of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society. He traced his family history back hundreds of years.

Combining his collecting instincts with his interest in the history of the fire insurance business, Murdoch assembled an extensive collection of fire marks and early firefighting memorabilia. WPNS members viewed the collection during picnic meetings hosted by Armor and his wife at their summer cottage at Ridgeview Park, near Derry, PA.

He is survived by his wife Edna, sons David and Mark, daughter Grace E. Squire, and seven grandchildren.

Written by Wayne Homren with the assistance of the Murdoch family and WPNS members Larry Bassett, John Burns, Larry Dziubek, and Jerry Porter

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I can make up in a half hour

NEXT MEETING

Oct. 4 1994

Carnegie Group Offices, 5 PPG Place

GATHER AT 7, MEET AT 8pm

GRUMBLE AND FUSS AT 10

T. Shiff speaks on Numbers in Numis.

The September meeting had 14 members and two guests. Due to Rosh Hoshanah several of the regulars were gone from the crowd. God's blessing to all. If it had been two days later, I would have been absent for the Republican holyday "Rush Limbaugh".

READ THIS PART! The meeting was held in another room due to the regular site being in another use. WATCH FOR SIGNS this month as we may be moved again. Anyone on three may be very lonely.

The program was fantastic. One thing about Korchnak, he really knows how to hold a crowd. His talks give the rest of us something to shoot for. He is, in my opinion, one of the best membership benefits we have. Good one Doc. Now how about chapter two next? And I'll never miss one of your programs. I appreciate Excellence In Book-researching.

CARTOON UPDATE: I only got one negative response to the cartoon insert last month. Knowing the source to be a regular ne'r-do-well, I figure I'll just ignore the un-named suit wearing, fuzzy lipped, liberal school administrator. For the record, in the past our newsletter has not only included political comment but full blown ads as well. I researched this job. I used the cartoon for three reasons:

A: I liked it

B: Bill Clinton has close ties to numismatics. Ever since he was a small boy growing up in a town called Hope (before he put us in a state called Despair) he has wanted to collect coins. Now he does. From our pockets.

C: Most vital. It fit nice.

And in advance: sorry Ralph and Jim about the lawyer cartoons. What can I say but that, as an editor, I hate dead space.

LAST MONTHS PHANTOM JOKER was Jerry Porter. And you expected an elephant joke.

COIN I.D. DAY will be October 1 from 10am - 3pm. Volunteers should see John Burns. Even though he knows everything, it would be nice to offer him some help.

The PAN dinner (at the show) still has some room left. Contact Rodger Hershey to reserve your rubber chicken. Don't start yelling, it's only a joke. (OVER)

BIG HELP NEEDED !!!!! I am imposing on a friend (I do have one) to print our newsletter. It would be nice if a few of the big time attorneys and business owners would offer use of their photocopiers for this fine endeavor. Let me know if you can help. I would prefer not to bother anyone more than once a year. PLEASE HELP!

BIG MONEY CONTEST: Due to the lack of winners before, I am upping the stakes. The people who get the correct answer before the next meeting will win AN ENTIRE JEFFERSON NICKEL!!! If you went to the house of Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, how should you announce yourself? Call your answer in to 322-9682.

SURVEY!!! Enclosed is a survey about the proposed club medal or metal membership cards. We really need your help on this one. We want everyone to complete the form and return it to:

Wayne Homren

1810 Antietam

Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Even if you plan to be at the next meeting, DO IT NOW!! A 29¢ stamp doesn't buy many coins and Wayne needs the time to put the results together. This is big time important and any member not responding promptly should re-think his commitment to the society and our need for him.

Sorry for the constant masculine, Eileen.

Our loyal president told me this month that he never reads our newsletter. He should not have said that. Two things I've learned over the years is never to tick off an editor and never give a loaded gun to a duck. So, let's have a reader participation event here. Complete this sentence: I LIKE ED BECAUSE _____. Make sure your response is anatomically feasible.

SOCIAL MEETING As of this moment the plans are not quite complete. If things are settled after press but before mailing, an insert will be included with the details. If not, see you at the next meeting or contact Jerry Porter at 321-2122. Which-ever plan is finalized, this should be a better one than we have had in a while. WHY I AM NOT AT SOCIAL MEETINGS: For the record, it's not that I am anti-social; it's just that I belong to many clubs to attend them all. So, rather than pick and choose, and run the risk of insulting someone, I skip them all.

SOAPBOX Because of the speaker this^{PAST} month, I have to get something off my chest. Sometimes our behavior during talks is less than polite. There should be time before or after the meeting to socialize. TRAMPS is a great place to finish a deal. And if it is necessary to fall asleep, try not to snore. One time or another, we have all let our manners drop. Once or twice, it has happened en masse. At least once, we were worse than any of the "bingo" clubs we think we are better than. How the

speaker that month kept going, I will never know. I would have freaked on the spot. If we want good programs, we better get our collective doo-doo together. Nuff said?

DON'T FORGET THE SURVEY !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SHOW NOTICE

Oct 9 NICKEL TRADER ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLE SHOW at Castle Shannon Firehall info 941-2338 last month there were about a dozen coin dealers there so why weren't you there?

Oct 14 PAN Annual Show at the EXPO MART you can drop the wife to 16 off at the mall and do a joint-bank-account-slaughter

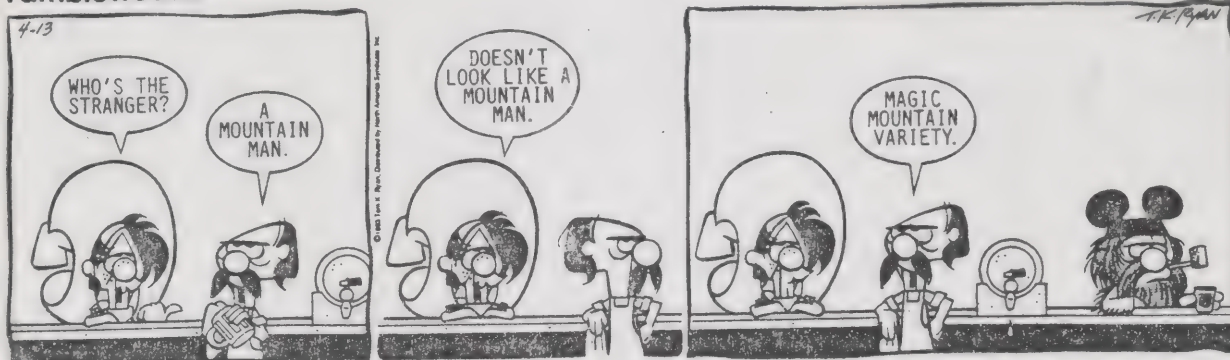
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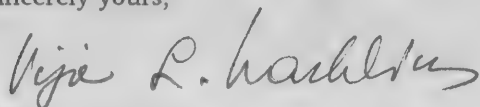
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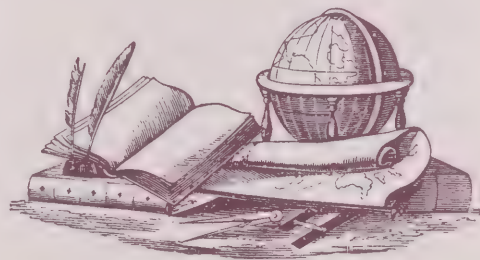
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July 20, 1994

James B. Richardson, III, PhD
Curator, Section of Anthropology
The Carnegie Museum of Natural History
Museum Annex
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Dear Dr. Richardson:

The membership of WPNS would like very much to hold another meeting at the Museum next year. I spoke briefly with Deborah Harding while you were away. We made tentative arrangements to hold the meeting at your Baum Blvd building on Tuesday, April 4, 1995. I will give the presentation, using U.S. Pattern coins from the Museum collection as illustrations. If possible I would like to examine the pieces at the Museum in advance of the meeting in order to prepare a listing of the coins. Please let me know as soon as possible if the meeting can be arranged; we will prepare our yearly list of programs in mid-August. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Wayne K. Homren
Program Committee

Minutes of the August 2, 1994 meeting of WPNS as taken by Michael Homza.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by president Ed Krivoniak.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

There was no treasurers report due to the vacation of Harry Colborn.

Committee report:

Two more copies of the brewery token book have been sold.

Old business:

17 copies of the WPNS Journal were sold at the ANA show including 5 to the ANA itself. To continue the sales a motion was made by Wayne Homren to purchase a $\frac{1}{4}$ page ad in the CLARION. John Burns seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Ted Shiff gave an update on the case against Carl Benson. Besides testimony he has tried to make the numismatic press aware of the facts. As they feel that people swindled by this man would not be readers of their papers, they have little interest in the case. All were in agreement that this was a poor attitude.

The first three months of the coming year (Sept-Nov) are short of speakers. This problem was solved for the most part by the members present.

New business:

Jerry Porter will start groundwork on this years social meeting and detales will be covered next month.

Michael Homza asked for guidance on how to purchase postage for the club. It was agreed that it was allowed to purchase postage from Ted Shiff.

A possible road-trip was suggested by Wayne Homren to attend the COINAGE OF THE AMERICAS part of the ANS convention on Oct 29 in N.Y.C. Details are to follow.

John Burns is trying to set up a coin I.D. day with the Carnegie for late Sept or early Oct.

ANA results were discussed as relates to a possible future ANA convention in Pittsburgh. Our last one was much better than Detroit. Many members of WPNS did well at Detroit. Top honors to John Burns who was on the winning team in the WORLD SERIES OF NUMISMATICS. Concern was voiced at the amount of non-numismatic material for sale at the show.

Pat McBrides talk was given by John Burns due to Pats absense.

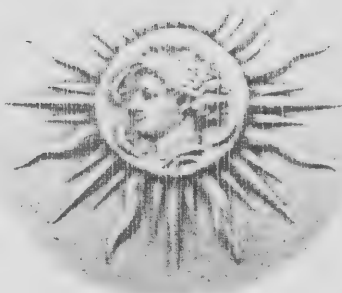
The topic was Irish Gun Money.

The motion to adjourn was made by Jonn Burns and seconded by Larry Korchnak. It passed at 10:20.

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DATE: JULY 5

PLACE: CARNEGIE GROUP, 5 PPG PLACE

TIME: GATHER AT 7, MEET AT 8 P.M.

The June meeting of WPNS was attended by 19 members and let me admonish those who stayed home; you missed a good one!

While there was no program, don't let anyone say nothing went on. Besides the regular order of business we covered a lot of other ground. Ted Shiff brought several new reference books one of which was a great work on college notes. I had along all the information on how to order the best book written on Pennsylvania's revolutionary war troops. Jerry Porter got to see a couple elephants he doesn't have. And still doesn't. Wayne gave the members a preview of some slides he is working on to accompany a presentation on encased postage. John Burns was fairly quiet. What more could a human want?

E. Fort hopes to have the first edition of a WPNS journal ready for sale next month. The cover price is \$10.00; however; members can get this landmark work for \$5.00 (cheap!!!) For anyone who knows of any dealers who would like copies to sale, a dealers discount on lots will be established. The first printing is only going to be 100 copies, so tarry not ye folk.

Member Ray Gaydash has resigned from the society for the time being. I personally hope at some time in the future he decides to rejoin us. Once his business is doing well enough that he can get some time free, more people than just me will be able to see just how knowledgeable he is. Good wishes to you, Ray.

You have a new group of officers. They are:

Edward Krivoniak	president
Don Carlucci	vice-president
Mike Homza	secretary
Harry Colborn	treasurer
Wayne Homren	curator

Speaking on at least my own, let me say that I hope we get firmly entrenched before the general membership sobers up.

This months program will be Coin Cleaning Seminar by Ed K. I will restrain myself from any remarks about what a wonderful wiz of a wiz he is.

OVER

My personal thanks to Don for giving me such a well ordered set of documents to pick up from. He has done much more for the society than anyone is aware of. I, for one, know that I won't do as well. So I plan to shoot for different.

In the last month I purchased for myself a Brother WP-2450DS-M&M-L.S./M.F.T. Still haven't gotten the hang of it yet. It's a lot different than my Winchester manual. So forgive me if I try a couple different forms at first.

For those who do not have it my home phone number is 322-9682. I would suggest you make note of it for future reference. Any show you think members would be interested in, give me a call. Anyone dies of note, local or not, give me a call. Have any PAK script for sale cheap, call me. Got any complaints, call Ann Landers. At it's most basic this is your newsletter and I can make it just about anything you want. Without your input I will be left to my own devices. And we wouldn't want that. Trust me. Don't worry about long messages. I keep a 45 minute tape in the machine.

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As the following article will show, we have a legal case developing here of interest to all in numismatics. The amount of money this "scam" has taken out of the hobby is frightening to consider. Half a million dollars invested in legit investment coins could translate into several more dealers for us or much better cash flow for those we now have.

The case is still developing at this time (June 23) and due to the complicated nature of the whole thing criminal indictment is still pending. Anyone with more information is encouraged to contact the Allegheny County Police.

Our hats are off to member Ted Shiff. He has been co-operating with county detectives providing research and expert knowledge. Any member who doesn't take the time to thank Ted for his support of this investigation should be ashamed.

I will save details as they come out and pass them on to you.

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Saturday, June 11, 1994

THE REGION

Man charged with \$500,000 fraud

By Jim McKinnon

Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Carl Benson told police he had a cash-flow problem.

That's his explanation why he has not been able to pay back about \$500,000 to more than a dozen clients, some of whom paid him grossly inflated prices for collectible coins and gems that they never received, Allegheny County Police Sgt. David Walsh said.

The clients — 11 in Allegheny County and two in Butler County — have filed criminal complaints against Benson, 49, and his wife, Carol, 50.

The Bensons, of Carriage Drive, North Huntingdon, face a preliminary hearing June 20 on multiple charges of theft and receiving stolen property. The hearing is before District Justice Richard H. Zoller in Oakmont.

A hearing on identical charges has been scheduled for June 22 before District Justice Kelly Stribe in Evans City.

In that case, the Bensons are accused of

taking \$50,000 from William Scolera of Zelienople on Oct. 21, 1993, and promising to deliver silver coins worth at least that much. According to an affidavit, Scolera called police April 28 after repeated attempts to collect on his investment failed and he learned that Benson and Sons Inc. had gone out of business.

Walsh said others who were duped by the Bensons included a Butler County man who gave them \$75,000 for undelivered coins, an Allegheny County man who paid \$20,000 for coins he never received and a Florida woman who gave him \$15,000 worth of diamonds on consignment and has not been paid, even though the diamonds were sold.

Walsh said detectives received the first complaint in February and, after an investigation, Benson was arrested April 23. In the time since, more people have come forward with complaints, he said.

"Detectives were getting mail and calls every day for a while. The case just kept growing and

growing."

Police expect even more complaints to be filed. The scheme has been going on for at least five years, Walsh said.

"He was an investment counselor, and, over the past few years, he's been selling coin sets, telling clients they were worth tens of thousands of dollars, and they were worth much less," said the police sergeant. "When they caught on to him, he started writing bad checks to cover it up."

Charlotte Matcuk, 67, of Monroeville, said that, as executor of her late brother's estate, she got taken for \$10,000 by Benson.

Her brother, Robert Chontos of North Versailles, died in March 1993 after waiting more than a year for Benson to pay back \$10,000, she said. Benson had given Chontos about \$1,000 worth of silver coins, saying they were worth more than that, she said.

Carl Benson posted a \$70,000 bond in Allegheny County for his release and was freed on his own recognizance in Butler County. Carol Benson is free on \$10,000 bond.

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Minutes of the July 5, 1994 meeting of WPNS as taken by Michael Homza.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by president Ed Krivoniak.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer H. Colborn reported that as of June the balance was \$3142.79 of which \$600.00 is in the life fund.

The death a couple months ago of past member J. William Ross was brought to the attention of the membership. He operated a shop from the Grant Building and was very active locally. He moved to Chicago which is where he died.

Committee report:

Don Carlucci gave a report to the membership on the proposed membership medal for WPNS. The cost (from Silvertown) for the obverse die would be \$400-\$600. The cost of 50 silver 1oz. rounds would be spot + \$2.00 each. 24k gold would be spot + \$17,00 each. 14k versions would be about \$280.00 per oz. per medal. The medals would take about 8 weeks to produce and we would get possession of original dies. It was suggested that gold will be ordered on an advance sale basis

A motion was made by Jerry Porter to go ahead with the production of 50 silver membership medals to be sold to the membership with the club assuming the cost of the die and maintaining an inventory of medals. E. Fort seconded.

An ammendment was made by Don Carlucci to limit purchase to 1 medal per member. Mike Homza seconded.

A lot of discussion followed on points as varied as what would happen to the medals on a members death to the location of previous club medal dies.

As nobody seemed to agree on anything a motion was made by John Burns to table both motions for this month. Ted Shiff seconded. That motion passed.

Don Carlucci resigned as chair of the medal committee. The new chair is Wayne Homren who will be assisted by Dick Gaetano.

An informal survey of the 18 members showed 11 still interested in such a medal.

Old business:

The first WPNS journal is done. The final cost per copy is about \$5.06 each. Three have already been sold to non-members and many to members. Wayne Homren is now distributor of the copies. Review copies were sent to ANA, ANS, Coin World, Numismatic News, and the Smithsonian. In addition five copies were taken by E. Fort to give to acedemic friends. That leaves a total of 90 copies of the first printing to be sold. Mr. Fort is looking for submissions for next years issue.

New business:

Don Carlucci is accepting programs for the coming year.

Wayne Homren will try to set up a meeting at the Carnegie Museum for this year.

At 9:55 John Burns made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Don Carlucci. Passed.

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July 5, 1994

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is a review copy of our Society's latest publication, the Proceedings of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, June 1994. It is a compilation of papers presented by members of our Society and covers a wide range of numismatic topics. Copies may be ordered by sending a check for \$10 to our P.O. Box. We hope you will find it of sufficient interest to your readers. Please keep the book for your reference library with our compliments.

Sincerely,

Wayne K. Homren

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Curator

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NEXT MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 2, 1994

PLACE: CARNEGIE GROUP, 5 PPG PLACE

GATHER AT 7, MEET AT 8 P.M.



The July meeting was attended by 18 members. Due to the outside temps the inside cool was wonderful. Come down next month and find out for yourself.

Ed Krivoniak's "Coin Cleaning Clinic" was really great. It went almost in a roundtable form and we all not only learned a lot but got to add our two cents worth. Speaking of which, wasn't that two cent piece great? That was a big difference!

BIG MONEY CONTEST !!!!!!!

Due to the oppressive economy, I am trying to bolster economic growth by sponsoring a trivia contest for this month. Anyone who calls in with the correct answer to the following question will receive at the next meeting AN ENTIRE UNITED STATES CENT! Who was the last true Romanov tsar of the Russian Empire? And it wasn't Worf.

The first WPNS journal is done and a fine work it is. Tom Fort did a great job on this collection. The best part is the papers presented in the years gone by. I never really realized the knowledge held by our earlier members. Some of those boys were sharp! Wayne Homren is handling distribution, so if you haven't gotten yours yet call him at 361-2722 or write to the club post-office box. Five copies were sent for review and Tom filched five off the top for his friends leaving 90 to sell. Non-members and members alike have already purchased several. So pounce upon those puppies promptly poopsies before you get stuck waiting for a second printing. The price, again, is \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. And the misspelled names are free! Right Tum?

Now some serious business: for quite some time Don Carlucci has been spearheading a committee to arrange a membership medal for our society. As he reported at the meeting SILVERTOWNE seems to be best for our contract. The obverse die would be designed or made especially for us at a cost of \$400-\$600 and would become our property. The medals themselves would be 1oz. silver and would cost \$2.00 over spot each with a minimum order of 50 medals. That means that initial outlay to the club could approach a thousand bucks.

(OVER)

The discussion kind of fell apart at that point. Seems like no more than four people could agree on anything. Should the club pay anything? Or everything? Should there be a limit on the number a member can buy? No limit? What the heck are we doing this for anyway? Things got so bad, Don resigned from the committee. EDITORIAL COMMENT FOLLOWS: This whole thing has been kicked around forever. It's time to get off the pot. And since this involves almost a third of the treasury it would be nice to have more than 18 people participating in the action. If you can't make the meetings PLEASE put your opinions in writing and let us hear from you. Membership can also be an adverb.

The subject of the old dies came up. We should have at least one pair. The trail runs cold around 1963. Anyone having any memory of any dies, please contact the club.

For those not aware, I have some sad news to relate. Past member J. William Ross died in Chicago a couple months back. He had a coin shop in the Grant Building for some time. He was also a regular at local shows. He will be missed.

Wayne Homren is trying to set up a program and meeting at the museum annex for the coming year. These annex meetings are among our best. Or so I'm told. I still haven't made one.

KNOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!! Who is responsible for the following joke: It seems that during the Los Angeles riots a medieval music store was totally sacked. Out of control luters are blamed. Is the guilty party me, Nevin, or Larry Dziubek?

It was suggested I could improve the newsletter by justifying my margins. I MARGIN, THEREFORE I AM. Good enough?

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SHOW NOTICE

August 14 Nickle Traders Antiques and Collectible Show
Castle Shannon Firehall info 412-941-2338
admission is free, so show up already

Sept. 10-11 Greensburg Coin Club Youngwood Fire Hall
info 832-8054 Tom Smith just off Rte119 South
5 min. from Rte30 and near some great food

Sept. 17-18 Indiana Coin Club Best Western University Inn
info 254-2471 Rte119 South and very close to
Springfield Sporter, home of BIG targets

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NEXT ISSUE

How to tell all our Larrys apart using Brown & Dunn.

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A Secretary's Report to the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society Concerning the 1993 - 1994 Numismatic Year

Already a year has past since I reflected upon my observations as Secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society. At that time I stated what I felt was three goals that the society should undertake for the betterment of the organization.

Goal number one was the contention that "anyone giving a presentation to the membership should also present it in written form, not only for the benefit of the present members, but for the benefit of posterity".

I am pleased to relate that this goal was almost universally accepted and one hundred per cent attained. However, it gained even more importance with the printing of the first W.P.N.S. journal by Society Editor, E. Tomlinson Fort, who gathered a grouping of club member presentations and bound them together in journal form to create the first of a series of W.P.N.S. journals.

My second goal was to have the membership of W.P.N.S. "assist in fostering the wants, needs, and goals not only of our local organization, but also of the state and national numismatic organizations." At a time when shows and conventions of model trains, guns, baseball cards, jewelry, and antique collectibles seem to be in vogue, numismatics in general need a boost from its staunchest supporters - its collector fraternity. We should all work together to make the Pittsburgh area a strong numismatic center.

My last goal was "that the organization might entertain the striking of a modern W.P.N.S. medal, perhaps in silver". Since that time a membership medal committee has been created consisting of Wayne Homren, Richard Gaetano, and Donald Carlucci. The thoughts of striking membership medals in both gold and silver metals have been discussed. Although no firm decisions have been made, initial

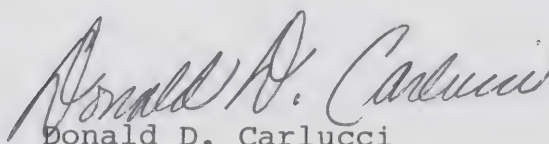
correspondence between the minter, Silvertowne of Winchester, Indiana and the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society have been completed. Further action will be in direct response to the wants, needs, and wishes of the membership.

A special note must be made of the efforts that Past President Wayne Homren has made with the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania in preserving the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society's archives in a safe, climate controlled depository for the knowledge, enlightenment, and perhaps even enjoyment that these numismatic recordings may give to future generations.

Although no formal arrangements have been made, the preliminary ground work has been established. Again, this goal can only be completed in accordance with the wants, needs, and wishes of the membership.

As I had stated one year before, these "comments and observations are my own and are only meant for the consideration of the society".

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donald D. Carlucci".

Donald D. Carlucci

Secretary

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DATE: JUNE 7, 1994

MEMBERS	GUESTS	EXHIBITS
1. DON CARLUCCI	1.	
2. E. TORKINSON FORT	2.	Books
3. Michael Grealy	3.	Mezrie Parry Scale, ^{old} lighter
4. Wayne K. Hornum	4.	
5. Dick Britano	5.	Heeren Bros 1917 medal
6. Neil Connor	6.	
7. Lodger Wersheg	7.	
8. Jim Brownings	8.	Grovinger medal
9. Mike Vandy	9.	Book: The Pa. Line 1776-83
10. Jerry Beck	10.	Book: A Hitler to 1940
11. Pat Coughlan	11.	
12. Ted Giffin	12.	Books
13. Larry Stuhle	13.	
14. Chuck Erb	14.	
15. Nevin Greeninger	15.	
16. Jerry Porter	16.	German Colonial Service Badge - Br. Comm. Items.
17. Edward Hironaka	17.	
18. Harry Culbarn	18.	2 Large Cents
19. John W. Burns	19.	
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On Tuesday evening, May 3, 1994, at 8:02 P.M., Vice President Edward Krivoniak, in the absence of President Gerald Porter, called the meeting to order. There were twenty members and one guest in attendance. The minutes of the April 5, 1994 meeting were read and corrected to read that one hundred copies of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Journal, edited by E. Tomlinson Fort, will be printed at a cost of Three Dollars Sixty-Seven Cents (\$3.67) each.

Treasurer, Harry Colburn gave the Treasurer's report for April, 1994. The bank balance for the month of April, 1994 ended with a total of **Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents (\$3,498.93)**, of which **Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)** was in the Life Membership Fund.

ALLEGHENY PROJECT

Richard Gaetano stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP MEDAL

Donald Carlucci stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Lawrence Dziubek stated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

CURATOR REPORT

Curator, Wayne Homren reported that the group photographs that were taken of the 1991 membership were still available for **Ten Dollars (\$10.00)** each.

Exhibits

Scientific American magazine;
 Large cents; Paul J. Bosco's
 No. 12 auction catalogue; Franklin
 Mint Journal; Die Salier book;
 The De Moreta book; Museum
 Notes volumes; postage scale;
 paper weight with an elephant;
 a World War I cigarette lighter;
 slides of encased postage; Heron
 Butcher's medal; a letter stating that
 Wild Bill Cody had been in
 Pittsburgh 8 times; a sport's medal
 of a tug-of-war; Swedish coins of
 Christiana; 1694 Sminger medal;
 a book on Revolutionary war material;
 a book on Adolf Hitler published
 in 1940; a walking stick made in
 1893 at the Columbian Exposition;
 Three Paper money book; World Crownsmen

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee, comprised of Rodger Hershey, James Groninger and Theodore Shiff submitted a slate of officers for the upcoming Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society numismatic year. The slate, as is presently stands, is as follows:

- President ----- Edward Krivoniak
- Vice President ----- Donald Carlucci
- Secreatry ----- Michael Homza
- Treasurer ----- Harry Colborn
- Curator ----- Wayne Homren

It was stated that additional nominations will be accepted at the June meeting before the final vote is taken and tabulated.

OLD BUSINESS

Lawrence Dziubek reported that a total of four organization membership cards arrived from the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. Anyone wishing to use the Historical Society's facilities can contact either Lawrence Dziubek, Lawrence Korchnak, Michael Homza, or Theodore Shiff.

E. Tomlinson Fort stated that the first Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society Journals should be ready by June of 1994. Mr. Fort figures that fifty copies could be sold to club members of the original one hundred copies printed and that fifty copies could be sold to the numismatic public at large. Copies to the public would be sold at **Eight Dollars** (\$8.00) each and an additional **Dollar** (\$1.00) for those copies that require postage. Treasurer Colborn was instructed to furnish a W.P.N.S. check to President Porter in the amount of **Four Hundred Dollars** (\$400.00) to cover the costs of the journal printings. President Porter will then send the check to E. Tomlinson Fort so that the transaction can be completed.

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9.) November social was held at the 2V Castle was a success.

10.) Larry Korchnak, Wayne Warren, Jerry Porter, ^{Charles Ed, et al} have published ^{articles and books} in the recent past.

Election of officers for the numismatic ~~year~~ year of 1994-1995

- President — Edward Krimiak
- Vice President — Arnold Caducci
- Secretary — Michael Wanza
- Treasurer — Harry Colborn
- Curator — Wayne Warren

No other nominations came from the floor. Wayne Warren made a motion to elect the slate of officers. C. Tomlinson Fort seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried by the membership.

On the status of Richard H. Hayes as a corresponding member, it was decided that for the present time, he would remain as a corresponding member. Although E. Tomlinson Fort spoke of his personal integrity and academic acumen, it was decided by the membership to table the motion to make him a regular member.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Harry Colborn reported on the Early American Coppers Convention that was held in Las Vegas from April 21 to April 24. The convention consisted of fifty-two (52) dealer tables at the bourse. The show featured educational programs that pertained to early cents, large date cents, half cents, and 1794 cents. There was a total of five show exhibits. The Early American Coppers Convention held a six hundred (600) lot auction that contained paper money, colonial coins and tokens, large cents and half cents.

PROGRAM

The program for the evening was entitled "Coins and Medals of the City and Province of Groningen", as presented by club member, James Groninger.

The city of Groningen, located in northern Netherlands, is today a busy center of commerce and education and is the seat of government for the Province of Groningen.

The recorded and the numismatic history of Groningen dates from 1040. Coinage and minting were closely linked. Bernolphus, the Bishop of Utrecht, minted the first coins.

In 1516 the city was being threatened by outside rulers so the city gave its allegiance to Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor, heir through his Burgunean line to the provinces now comprising Netherlands and Belgium, the King of Spain and the ruler of vast European and

Secretary's Report
Ann Carducci

President's report
Gerry Porter

1. Passing of Roy Van Ormer
2. Richard Hayes as a new corresponding member
3. Joint 2VPM, PMS, and PNM picnic and Christmas Party
4. Coin Identification Day
5. 2VPM membership medal
6. 2V Western Pennsylvania Historical Society offer to accept our archives
7. 2VPM has a club membership in the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania
8. Great coin programs

overseas lands. In 1555, he abdicated the throne in favor of his son Phillip II.

The Dutch and the Belgians alike grew restive. The growing tide of the Protestant Reformation clashed with the Catholic Church. Calvinism became the dominant force of religious thought in the late 1500's and early 1600's.

The Dutch revolted against Spanish rule. After their independence they offered their allegiance to Queen Elizabeth I of England. Queen Elizabeth declined their offer. Then the Dutch offered their allegiance to the Protestant Henry IV of France, who also declined. Without a king and with only an unwieldy confederation, the Dutch nation of the United Provinces operated more like seven autonomous countries, held together by a common language, tradition and, most importantly, a common enemy - Spain. Out of this turmoil, a leader, William I (called William the silent) came to the fore in the revolt against Spanish rule.

The wars between Protestants and Catholics continued to rage. In the siege of 1672 the Catholic Army captured Coevorden on July 12, 1672. The Catholic Army then focused on the city of Groningen. The defenders assembled behind Groningen's stout stone walls. The Catholic Army lobbed projectiles weighing three to four hundred (300-400) pounds each. Those projectiles did tremendous damage. However, the city stood and the siege was unsuccessful. This siege was commemorated in the Siege of 1672 Medallion. Numerous other medals were struck by the Protestant defenders commemorating this victory.

In the year 1040 A.D., the city coinage began. Today, any coins dating back to this time and through the Middle Ages are quite scarce. However, by the year 1474, the city of Groningen began issuing dated coinage.

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Mike Xomza made a motion that the club journal would sale for \$5.00 each.

Wayne Xomren seconded the motion. Motion carried with one ~~abstention~~ negative vote. Treasurer Harry Colburn will handle the revenues produced from the journal and track the records.

Donating the WPM's Archives to the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society was tabled for a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Curator's report - Wayne Xomren - Wayne has a complete record of everything in the WPM's archives.

The Dutch people at the time could not read, write, or count. However, when the illiterate farmers would bring their crops, livestock, and goods to market, they would accept the circulating coins of the realm through an exotic bargaining system.

This bartering of goods for currency worked well until 1694 when the city of Groningen closed its mint.

The seventeenth century marked the golden age of the Netherlands. Not only were circulating coins minted, but also special pieces called raadstokens. These pieces were used to pay the city council members and the mayor. These tokens could be exchanged for actual money for the payment of taxes, rents, and levies.

As the mint closed in the late sixteen hundreds, the golden age of the Netherlands also came to an end.

EXHIBITS

After James Groninger's informative presentation, individual club members discussed and displayed a wide array of collector items that were brought to the meeting. These exhibits included coin collector magazines; bar cents; USA Revolutionary War button; coin catalogues; Presidential inaugural medals; store tokens; a copy of the June "Numismatist" with an article on J. S. G. Boggs written by Wayne Homren; referee's badge; silver and gold bullion pieces; Celtic Coins; World War I memorabilia; checks from Thomas Mellon & Sons bank; checks from Mellon National Bank signed by the son of Henry Clay Frick; postage stamps; coin books; and a Morgan designed medal of Ulysses Simpson Grant.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

After the members discussed the individual exhibits that they had brought to the meeting, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made

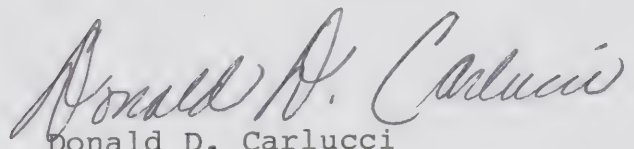
Old Business.

W. P. M. S. Journal is not prepared. Printers are not ready. Journal will be 70 pages long \$468.37 or \$4.69 per copy for 100 copies. Tom Trost feels we should sell the journal for \$10.00 a copy. ~~Each~~ copy will be given to each dues paying club member at a cost of \$5.00 each.

Ed Shuff made a motion to print 100 copies. John Burns seconded the motion. All were in favor except for one person. The price of \$10.00 ~~should~~ ^{will} be price on the journal cover.

at 9:35 P.M. by John Burns and seconded by Rodger Hershey.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donald D. Carlucci". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Donald D. Carlucci

Secretary

MINUTES

WPNS

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The minutes of the May 3, 1994
were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report
May 1994

\$3,498.52 of which
600.00 is in the (life) membership
account.

Committees

Nothing to Report

Correspondence

Ray Soydash sent a letter
of resignation to the club
effective May 31, 1994.

a letter was received from
Armor Murdoch with his
new address:

5350 Saltsburg Road
apartment 126

Urma, Pa. 15147-3059

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

P.O. Box 23404, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-9998



DATE: June 7, 1994

PLACE: Carnegie Group Offices,
5 PPG Place

TIME: 7:00 P.M. Meeting at 8:15 P.M.

The May 3, 1994 meeting of W.P.N.S was attended by twenty members and one guest.

The program for the evening of June 7, 1994 will be the "Annual Business Meeting". Among other things, it will feature the election of officers for the 1994-1995 numismatic year. A tentative slate of officers submitted by the nominating committee includes the following:

- President ----- Edward Krivoniak
- Vice President ----- Donald Carlucci
- Secretary ----- Michael Homza
- Treasurer ----- Harry Colborn
- Curator ----- Wayne Homren

It must be noted that additional nominations can be made from the floor.

During the month of June the following Coin Shows will be held:

- June 5 Highpoint Coin & Jewelry Show
Ramada Inn
Route 1 and Route 202
Chadd's Ford, PA
- June 12 Coins & Jewelry Show
Greentree Marriott Hotel
101 Marriott Drive
Greentree, PA
- June 12 Pittsburgh Collectible Show
Castle Shannon Memorial Firehall
Route 88
Castle Shannon, PA
- June 18-19 Bethlehem Coin & Stamp Show
Trolley Station Mall
Route 191
Bethlehem, PA

- June 19 Coin, Stamp, & Jewelry Show
Fire House
Route 1
Trevose, PA
- June 25 Red Rose Coin Club
Farm & Home Center
Arcadia Road
Lancaster, PA

We'll see you on Tuesday, June 7, 1994. Bring a friend! Bring an exhibit! Be there!

Jewish Ghetto Concentration
Camp Medal; College Currency;
4 pieces of silver Victorian money;
a German colonial service badge with
a picture of an elephant; elephant
token made from a plained down
large cent; and elephant elongated
cents.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the
meeting was made by Chuck
Cob and seconded by John
Burns at ~~10:00~~ 9:45.

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copy*

Minutes of the meeting of W.P.N.S. for the meeting of ~~June~~ ^{WE} 7, 1994 taken by Donald Carlucci and compiled by Michael Homza.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 by president J. Porter.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer H. Colborn reported that as of May the balance was \$ 3,498.52 of which \$ 600.00 is in the life fund.

Correspondence:

R. Gaydash sent a letter of resignation effective May 31. No action was taken by the society.

Armor Murdoch sent us his new address: 5350 Saltsburg Road, Apt. 126, Verona, Pa. 15147-3059

Old business:

The W.P.N.S. journal is not quite done. The journal is ap. 70 pages and will cost \$468.37 for 100 copies. The cost to non-members will be \$10.00. T. Shiff made the motion to have the first 100 copies printed; the motion was seconded by J. Burns. The motion passed with one negative vote. M. Homza made a motion for copies to be sold to members at the discount price of \$5.00. The motion was seconded by W. Homren. This motion also passed with one negative vote. Also discussed was the possible sale of copies of the journal to dealers at a discount for lots of 5 or more. It was clarified that Treasurer H. Colborn will handle the procedes of the journal as part of his regular duties.

The possible donation of WPNS material from the archives to the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society was mentioned but in the interest of time was tabled to a future meeting

New business:

Reports were given by the outgoing officers and copies were provided to the archives.

The election of officers for 1994 - 1995 was the next item on the table. The floor was opened to further nominations. As there were no further nominations a motion was made by W. Homren to unanimously elect the proposed slate; E. Fort seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. The officers are now E. Krivoniak as president, D. Carlucci as vice-president, M. Homza as secretary, H. Colborn as treasurer, and W. Homren as curator.

The motion to adjourn was made by C. Erb and seconded by J. Burns. It was passed at 9:45

OFFICERS

President.....Jerry Porter
Vice President.....Ed Krivoniak
Secretary.....Don Carlucci
Treasurer.....Harry Colborn
Curator.....Wayne Homren

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September 7, 1993

"Ethics in Numismatics"Mike Homza

October 5, 1993

"Siege Currency"Larry Korchnak

November 2, 1993

Social Meeting
The Westinghouse Castle
Wilmerding, PA

Guest Speaker: Charles Ruch
Westinghouse Historian

December 7, 1993

"Washington, Indian Peace Medals"
.....Rich Crosby

January 4, 1994

"Coins & Medals of the City & Province
of Groningen"Jim Groninger

February 1, 1994

"Coinage & Monetary Policy during the
Roman Civil War, 50-44BC"E. Tomlinson Fort

March 1, 1994

"Collecting U.S. Encased Postage Stamps"
.....Wayne Homren

April 5, 1994

"The 1926 National Sesqui-Centennial"
.....Dick Gaetano

May 3, 1994

"The S & L Mystery"Larry Dziubek

June 7, 1994

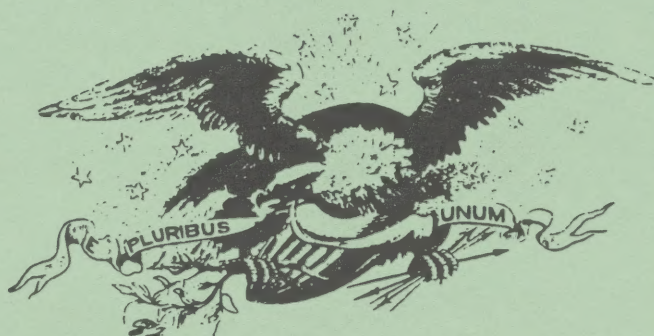
Annual Business Meeting

July 5, 1994

"Coin Cleaning Seminar"Ed Krivoniak

August 2, 1994

"Irish Gun Money"Pat McBride



The Program Committee urges you to bring recent acquisitions or any other articles of numismatic interest for display at the meetings. Particularly welcome are exhibits related to the current program topic.

Bring a Guest!

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